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GREAT HUMAN HAMMER CONTINUES TO BEAT ON ALLIES' WESTERN LINE

Hope of Delivering Smashing Blow on Anglo-French by No Means Given Up.

BIG LOSSES SUSTAINED

Attacks and Counter Attacks Cost Both Sides Heavy Toll in Lives.

Germans Claim Big Victory at Craonne.

London, Jan. 28.—Although no big battles, as battles go in this war, have been fought of late, there have been engagements in all the arenas from Asiatic Turkey to the English channel in which the losses in men and material probably have been greater in the aggregate than in many of the battles of history.

According to French reports, German attacks against the Allied lines in Flanders, France and Alsace on the first three days of the week cost them 20,000 to which must be added the losses suffered in repeated attacks on the Russian entrenchments in Central Poland.

All attacks in the West, the Allies announcements say, failed except near Craonne where it is admitted, the French lost 800 men largely because of the collapse of an old quary.

The Germans on the other hand assert they inflicted a severe defeat on the French at Craonne and that they repulsed all French attacks in the Vosges and upper Alsace, with heavy losses.

While it is evident these attacks and counter-attacks cost both sides heavily they made no great difference in the relative positions of the opposing armies. They convey the intimation, however, that the Germans by no means have given up the idea of delivering a smashing blow at the Allied armies.

With the approach of dry weather and the consequent hardening of the ground they brought up new troops with the intention of getting in their blow before the full strength of the Anglo-French forces was ready to meet them. Thus far they have made little, if any, headway, but undismayed, are sending still more troops through Belgium to Ypres and LaBassee where, earlier in the winter, they attempted to break their way through to the coast. Knowing as they must, that the Anglo-French armies have been greatly strengthened since then, they themselves must have increased their striking power.

The Allies, however, are confident of their ability to hold their present lines and move forward when all preparations are completed.

In the East interest centers in the Carpathians, where the Austro-Germans have brought up new armies to oppose the Russian invasion of Hungary. According to announcements in Vienna they have recaptured some of the passes the Russians were holding in strength.

While the Russians do not relish giving up any ground gained, they declare this is compensated for by the fact that their aggressiveness has compelled the Austro-Germans to postpone the expedition they were preparing to crush Servia. Russia hopes Roumania, with her financial position guaranteed by the recent London loan of $25,000,000, soon will send her army into the field and form the missink link between Russia and Serbia.

The Turks by bringing up their fifth amy corps, have resumed the offensive in the Caucasus, but a Russian report says they have suffered another setback. Nothing further has been heard of the Turkish army invading Egypt.

The British admiralty tonight issued a formal denial of German reports that some British ships had been sunk in Sunday's North sea naval battle. The admiralty adheres to its former statement that all the British vessels engaged returned safely.

The same department also denies a story from the United States that the German cruiser Von Der Tann was sunk by the British battle cruiser Invincible in the South Atlantic and says there has been no engagement between these vessels.

PANAMA CELEBRATION IS TO BE POSTPONED.

Wilson Cannot Attend Guilford Court House Celebration in July.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Formal opening ceremonies at the Panama Canal probably will be postponed from March to July, and President Wilson will go to San Francisco by rail in March and to Panama later when the naval reviews will take place. Although no formal announcement of the change in plans has been made, the President has taken up the question with Secretary Daniels.

The President today told the North Carolina congressional delegation he probably could not accept an invitation to speak at an unveiling of a monument to General Nathaniel Greene at Guilford Court House, N. C., July 4th, because he probably would be at Panama.

Washington, Jan. 28.—A bill by Representative Clark, of Florida, requiring District of Columbia transportation companies to provide separate accommodations for white and negro races, was favorably reported to the House today by the district committee.

SULLIVAN MAKES GENERAL DENIAL

And Brings Counter Charges Against Walker Vick.

ATTACK OF NEWSPAPERS

Vick on the Stand Denies Counter-Charges and Brands Some as "Lies"—No Member of Official Family to Blame.

New York, Jan. 28.—A statement from James H. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican Republic, denying all the charges of unfitness made against him, chiefly by Walker W. Vick, was read today at the hearing into the charges before Senator-elect Phelan.

The statement was supported by documentary evidence and made counter charges against Vick. Sullivan declared he had been made the victim of a newspaper campaign of attack by Vick and said certain newspapers in the United States had championed the cause of "as audacious a gang of pirates as ever sailed the Carribean."

Sullivan said he had no apology to make for recommending as the depositary for the receivership funds the Banco Nacional, which Vick charges was an untrustworthy institution and which had been accused of seeking the appointment of Sullivan in order to exploit the island.

Brings Counter-Charges.

"If Vick was unwilling to make the change, he scarcely would have acted on my recommendation," wrote the minister. "The fact is that the desire to make further change was born in Vick some months later for reasons best known to himself and in the campaign he then opened on the Banco Nacional there was no interference from me until I learned of Vick's determination to turn the business over from an American to a British corporation (Royal Bank of Canada), whereupon I simply notified the State Department of Mr. Vick's intention and asked the State Department to note the significance of the change. This notification prevented Vick from carry out his purpose.

"The records of the State Department will show that I never recommended any one bank above another except that I urged a preference for some American bank." Sullivan claimed he had been instrumental in having a financial expert, Charles M. Johnson, sent to the island.

"If I had any intention of exploiting Santo Domingo,' he wrote, "what a strange policy to place on guard a man who would have the right and has the right which affects it financially."

Sullivan denied he had caused bloodshed on the island and asserted that at the time of the revolution in 1913 it was thought his efforts that a peace pact has been signed.

What Sullivan Did.

He had been instrumental in holding a fair election and for the first time established a government not based on force. He had secured free speech, and a free press, released political prisoners obtained from the government the right of fair trial, and broken up corruption in the public works department, he said.

"Since that time I have devoted myself to the task of driving unworthy Americans, bent on loot, from the country," he added.

Sullivan declared that Vick had displayed more interest in public contracts than he did and charged that he was interested in lighthouse contracts. This Vick today denied on the stand, as he did all of Sullivan's counter accusations, characterizing some of them as "lies."

The investigations here closed today to be resumed in Washington probably Tuesday. Before adjournment Vick received permission to read into the record a statement in which he said he deemed it his duty to have the impression repudiated that "any member of the official family of President Wilson had directly or indirectly been identified with any act that would affect his honor as a public man, or taint his character."

"I make this statement," he said, "in view of wide publicity given to the investigation and because I know how easy it is to arouse in the public mind thoughts and suspicions."

DACIA'S OWNER WOULD PURCHASE BRITISH SHIPS.

Is Now Negotiating With Ward Line for Steamers to Carry Cotton.

New York, Jan. 28.—Edward N. Breitung, owner of the steamship Dacia, which Great Britain has announced it will seize if it sailed from Galveston as contemplated, with a cargo of cotton, is negotiating with the Ward Line for purchase of the steamer Seguranca. His intention is to convert the Seguranca, a passenger ship, into a cotton carrying freighter.

Another ship of the Ward Line, the Vigilancia, it became known today, has been sold and likewise will be converted into a cotton carrying freighter. The Vigilancia's purchasers are Ward and Armstrong, of Savannah.

A representative of Mr. Breitung announced that he was seeking to purchase other ships of American or British registry. This representative asserted that Mr. Breitung and his associates, after their experience with the Dacia, would not consider purchase of any more ships of German registry and their transfer to the American flag.

ITALIAN STEAMER IS TOWED TO NEW YORK

Without Coal and Food, Vessel Drifted for Days.

THOUGHT TO HAVE SUNK

Followed for Days by the Cutter Itasca Vessel Was Lost in Fog and Later Picked Up by Greek Steamer Crios.

New York, Jan. 28.—The Italian steamship Angelo Parodi, which was lost from view of the revenue cutter Itasca Tuesday, in a fog, and was believed to have gone down with her crew of 27, reached New York today in tow of the Greek steamer Crios.

The Parodi had been adrift since January 19th, when her supply of coal was exhausted. For four days the Itasca stood by and tried to get a line to the drifting ship. The Parodi's food supply ran out and that increased the crew's suffering. During Monday night the Parodi drifted away from the Itasca in thick weather.

The cutter searched all day Tuesday and yesterday for the ship, and not finding it, sent a wireless message last night to Norfolk expressing belief that the Parodi had sunk about 380 miles off Cape Hatteras with all on board.

Sighted by Greek.

After the Parodi became separated from the Itasca, her officers said today, the Greek steamer Crios sighted her at 3 o'clock in the morning of January 26th. The Crios got a line to the helpless vessel and took her in tow.

The rescue of the Parodi is the second one achieved by the Crios in successive voyages. On her previous cruise from New York to Piraeus, on November 23, the Crios fell in with the British steamer Gripwell, which had lost her propeller and towed her to Gibraltar, 800 miles.

The Parodi left Madellena, Italy, 33 days ago for Baltimore.

ALGONQUIN REACHES NEW YORK.

Has Two Shipwrecked Crews Aboard. Towed in by Steamer Cherokee.

New York, Jan. 28.—Eight of the survivors of two shipwrecked vessels were brought to New York today by the disabled freight steamer Algonquin of the Clyde line, which arrived in tow of her sister ship, the Cherokee. The Algonquin picked up the men before she developed propeller trouble on her way from Santo Domingo to New York.

Seven of the rescued men comprised the captain and crew of the American schooner Frederick Roessnes, which became water-logged in a storm December 13, while en route from Jamaica for Stamford, Conn. The eighth man was the purser of the Norwegian steamer Anita, bound from Halifax for Kingston, which was wrecked on North Caicos reef December 26th. The crew of the steamer were saved.

Captain Swain, of the Roessner said that when his schooner became dismantled by a gale the crew tried to put to sea, but their boats were smashed and for three days the men clug to the drifting wreck. Finally they were sighted by the steamer Iroquois which landed them at Turks Island.

ELIZABETH PALMER CAPSIZES.

Derelict Schooner in Tow of Revenue Cutter Turns Turtle and Lost.

New York, Jan. 28.—A wireless message received today from the revenue cutter Mohawk said the five-masted schooner Elizabeth Palmer, of Bath, Me., capsized today off the Delaware capes and now is breaking up. The crew has been taken off.

The Palmer was in collision with the steamship Washingtonian and became waterlogged. The Mohawk was towing her into Delaware Breakwater when she capsized.

ELIMINATION OF POLL TAX URGED BY CLARK

The Judge and Dr. Poe Address Social Service People.

Chief Justice for Reform in Judicial Procedure to Give Poor Litigants a Better Showing—Big Features Today.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The annual address by President Clarence Poe and an address by Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, on "Needed Industrial Legislation in North Carolina," were the chief features of the first day of the North Carolina Conference of Social Service, both being at the First Baptist church tonight.

Judge Clark pleaded in his characteristically forceful way for reform in judicial procedure so the poor litigant will have some show against powerful corporations, for the enactment of a workmen's compensation law and for pensions for old men; also for the elimination of the poll tax. The very suggestion of the repeal of the poll tax, he said, would make his friend, State Treasurer Ben Lacy "throw a fit."

President Poe delighted the audience with a striking presentation of "The Part of the Church in Civilization Building."

Coming features of the conference are the address Friday morning by Hon. Thomas Mott Osborne, of Sing Sing prison; Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, of Kentucky, on the famous "Moonlight" schools, Friday night, and the addresses Saturday morning by Hon.

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IMMIGRATION BILL VETOED BY WILSON

Leaders in Both Houses Will Fight for Repassage.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

Representative Burnett, Will Move Next Thursday That the House Pass the Measure Over the President's Veto.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson vetoed the immigration bill today because of the literacy test for admission of aliens. His message was referred to the House immigration committee, whose chairman, Representative Burnett, will move next Thursday that the measure be passed over the veto.

Much informal discussion among members of the House followed receipt of the veto and there were many who believed the two-thirds majority required to repass the bill could not be procured. Immigration bills containing literacy tests were vetoed by President Cleveland and by President Taft, but both times failed of re-passage.

Senate leaders insist there will be no trouble in re-passing the bill in the upper House. That was done in the Taft administration but the lower House failed to muster a two-thirds majority. In his veto message President Wilson told the House, which originated the bill, that he had no pride of opinion on the question and that he was not "foolish enough to profess to know the wishes and ideals of America better than the body of her chosen representatives know them." He asked, however, whether the bill rested "upon the conscious and universal assent and desire of the American people" and pointed out that no "political party ever had avowed a policy of restriction in this fundamental matter, gone to the country on it, and been commissioned to control its legislation."

The President's Veto.

President Wilson's message was as follows:

"It is with unaffected regret that I find myself constrained by clear conviction to return this bill (H. R. 6060, 'An Act to Regulate the Immigration of Aliens to and the Residence of Aliens in the United States') without my signature.

"Not only do I feel it to be a serious matter to exercise the power of veto in any case, because it involves opposing the single judgment of the President to the judgment of a majority of both houses of the Congress, a step which no man, who realizes his own liability to error, can take without great hesitation, but also because this particular bill is in so many important respects admirable, well conceived and desirable.

"Its enactment into law would undoubtedly enhance the efficiency and improve the methods of handling the important branch of the public service to which it relates. But candor and a sense of duty with regard to the responsibility so clearly imposed upon me by the constitution in matters of legislation, leave me no choice but to dissent.

In Two Particulars.

"In two particulars of vital consequence, this bill embodies a radical departure from the traditional and long established policy of this country—a policy in which our people have conceived the very character of their government to be expressed, the very mission and spirit of the nation in respect of its relations to the peoples of the world outside their borders. It seeks to all but close entirely the gates of asylum which have always been open to those who could find nowhere else the right and opportunity of constitutional agitation for what they conceived to be the natural and inalienable rights of men and it excludes those to whom the opportunities of elementary education have been denied, without regard to their character, their purposes, or their natural capacity.

"Restrictions like these adopted earlier in our history as a nation, would very materially have altered the course and cooled the humane ardors of our policies. The right of political asylum has brought to this country many a man of noble character and elevated purpose who was marked as an outlaw in his own less fortunate land, and who has yet become an ornament to our citizenship and to our public councils.

Tests Would be Restriction.

"The children and the compatriots of these illustrious Americans must stand amazed to see the representatives of their nation now resulved, in the fullness of our national strength and at the maturity of our great institutions, to risk turning such men back from our shores without test of quality or purpose. It is difficult for me to believe that the full effect of this feature of the bill was realized when it was framed and adopted, and it is impossible for me to assent to it in the form of which it is here cast.

"The literacy test and the tests and restrictions which accompany it, constitute an even more radical change in the policy of the nation. Hitherto we have generously kept our doors open to all who were not unfitted by reason of disease or incapacity for self support or such personal records and antecedents as were likely to make them a menace to our peace and order, or to the wholesome and essential relationships of life. In this bill, it is proposed to turn away from tests of character and of quality, and to impose tests which exclude and restrict; for the new tests here embodied are not tests of quality or of character or of personal fitness, but tests of opportunity. Those who come seeking opportunity are not to be admitted unless they have already had one of the chief of the opportunities they seek—the opportunity of education. The object of such provisions is restriction, not selection.

The People Must Decide.

"If the people of this country have made up their minds to limit the number of immigrants by arbitrary tests

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STATE TAX RATE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

Usual Quadrennial Reassessment is Recommended.

AUDITORS ARE NEEDED

To See That Property is Properly Placed on Books, in View of Members of Finance Committees—Discussion of Wide Range.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The joint finance committee this afternoon reached the definite conclusion to have the usual quadrennial reassessment of all property in the State as scheduled and to recommend the re-adoption of the same tax rate in force the past two years, which is 23 2-3 cents for the State, 4 cents for pensions and 20 cents for schools, making 47 2-3 cents and leaving 19 cents margin for the county levies.

The conference this afternoon was a lengthy one and took a wide range, with special emphasis toward the close on the importance and necessity for county auditors and need for State auditors to go into the counties to see that properties are properly on the books.

Senator Miller, of Rowan; Senator McLeod, of Robeson, and Senator McMichael, spoke especially as to the value of county auditors and urged that the Legislature should see that every county has one.

Senator McLeod said he had already prepared to introduce a bill providing for State auditors to check up the counties where the need developed.

Chairman Chatham, of the Senate committee, and Doughton, of the House committee, were directed to appoint at once the sub-committee on the revenue bill and other phases of the main work devolving on the joint committee. These will be announced tomorrow.

LATE DISPATCHES FROM MEXICO CONTRADICTORY.

Little Now Known as to Conditions in Mexican Capital City.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Contradictory advices on the Mexican situation reached the State Department today. One dispatch declaring that the Convention governmnet has departed south was supplanted by a consular message saying General Palafox, a Zapata chieftain, and 4,000 men, intended to resist the approaching Carranza forces. The Carranza agency claimed to have news that Roque Gonzales Garza, head of the convention government, had gone to Cuernavaca as Zapata's prisoner, and not of his own volition, but this was denied by Enrique C. Llorente, convention representative here.

The following summary of conditions was issued today by the State Department:

"Advices from Mexico City dated January 27th, 9 A. M., state that the Zapatista forces evacuated the city early yin the morning, going to Cuernavaca. So far as is known no foreigners have been molested.

"A telegram from Mexico City dated January 27th, 5 P. M., states that General Palafox, Minister Gomez and a number of the members of the convention remained in Mexico City after the evacuation. The provisional president and staff are said to have left later in the day. Palafox and Gomez have issued a manifesto stating that they assume military and civil authority of the city and will protect it against the enemy. Nothing definite appears to be known regarding the entry of Constitutionalist forces into Mexico City."

RAGSDALE DESCRIBES SIGNING AFFIDAVIT

Former Atlanta Minister Connected With Frank Case.

Declared on the Witness Stand That He Was Paid to Sign Paper—Burns Detective on Trial for Securing False Affidavit.

Atlanta, Ga., January 28. — The Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, formerly pastor of a local church, today testified he was paid $200 for signing a false affidavit in connection with the Leo M. Frank case. Mr. Ragsdale was the first witness in the trial of Dan. S. Lehon, Southern manager of the William J. Burns National Detective Agency; Arthur T. Hurman, a lawyer, and C. C. Tedder, a former policeman, who are charged with subornation of perjury. It is alleged they procured false affidavits from Ragsdale and R. L. Barber, shortly after Frank's extraordinary motion for a new trial was filed.

In the affidavits, Ragsdale and Barber declared they overheard James Conley, a negro, tell another negro that he had killed a girl in the factory where Mary Phagan was murdered.

"The former pastor still was on the witness stand when court adjourned for the day. He testified to alleged meetings with the defendants when he said the affidavit was discussed, described the signing of the document in the office of Luther Z. Rosser, who was one of Frank's principal counsel, and

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REPUBLICAN TRENCHES ARE BOMBARDED BY DEMOCRATS WITH ELABORATE ARGUMENT

CAPITAL CONFERS LONG WITH LABOR

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Talks With Labor Leaders.

BIG SURPRISE SPRUNG

"Mother" Jones Terms Collective Bargaining Scheme of Mining Company "Hypocritical and Dishonest Pretense."

New York, January 28. — John D. Rockefeller, Jr., conferred with representatives of the Colorado mine workers for two and a half hours today in the offices of the president of the Rockefeller Foundation, at No. 26 Broadway. The condition of the employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, of which Mr. Rockefeller is a director, were discussed.

Neither Mr. Rockefeller nor the miners' officials would discuss the conference in detail. Mr. Rockefeller said there had been an exchange of views and that the union men had given him some welcome information as to conditions.

There was present in the conferences besides Mr. Rockefeller, William Lyon Mackenzie King, head of the industrial relations division of the Rockefeller Foundation; Star J. Murphy, a member of the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.; Frank J. Hayes, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America; John R. Lawson, international executive board member of the United Mine Workers, and Edward L. Doyle, secretary of District No. 15, of that organization.

The conference was arranged after the close of Mr. Rockefeller's examination before the Federal commission on Industrial Relations yesterday, and a subsequent personal interview between Mr. Rockefeller and "Mother" Jones, champion of the miners' cause.

The six men sat around a table in Mr. Rockefeller's offices, and questions were asked and answered by both the representatives of capital and labor. When the miners' officials left the room they would only say:

"We had a pleasant talk and an exchange of views about conditions. Don't ask us any leading questions. See Mr. Rockefeller."

Mr. Rockefeller said it "was just an informal, unofficial talk."

"They gave me certain facts about the situation in Colorado, that I was glad to know, and there was a general talk on the situation. No new suggestions were made," he added.

"When are you going to Colorado?" Mr. Rockefeller was asked.

"If you can tell me that, I should be glad to know," he replied.

Mr. Rockefeller was asked if he had seen the statement given out by "Mother" Jones, earlier in the day, calling on him "to make good on his promise." He said that he had not seen the statement.

"MOTHER" JONES ACTS.

Calls on Rockefeller to Serve Democracy With More Than Lip Service.

New York, Jan. 28.—"Mother" Jones, aged strike leader, in a typewritten statement she distributed at the hearing of the commission on industrial relations today termed the scheme of collective bargaining recently inaugurated by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in Colorado as a "hypocritical and dishonest pretense." She said, however, that she did not believe John D. Rockefeller, Jr., understood this, and she expressed hope that he would go to Colorado not next spring or next fall, but "while the ashes of Ludlow are still hot," so that he might see for himself and understand the entire situation.

The statement reads in part as follows:

"Mr. Rockefeller is a very pleasant young man. He assured me that he is anxious to help the workers in their struggle for a chance to live as free men and women, and we are going to give him every chance in the world to show that he means it. Good intentions are all right, as paving blocks, but what we want is performance, and—we want it now.

More Than Lip Service.

"So far, Mr. Rockefeller has given only lip service to democracy in industry. I am sure that if Mr. Rockefeller will not be willing to take the credit for being a liberal and enlightened and humane man, without making good his promise. It looks as though he was opened his eyes and that the great strike with all its suffering had not been in vain.

"For ten years the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and the rest of them have starved and hammered down my boys out there. They have lived like dogs. The companies haven't only underpaid them, but they have taken away the little they got, through company stores, company houses and company saloons.

"In the strike, they shot down in cold blood 30 of my boys and their wives and children. And what is the result? The murderers have been white-washed and freed, and now the companies have had 200 of my boys indicted for murder. I want young Mr. Rockefeller to see this and understand it. I want him to go out now, while the ashes of Ludlow are still hot. Now is

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Heavy Artillery is Brought to Bear Upon Positions Taken by Minority Party.

ON SHIP PURCHASE BILL

Senator Walsh Delivers First Broadside in Lengthy Speech in Senate.

Fletcher Hurls Charges At Wall Street Financiers

Washington, Jan. 28.—Democrats of the Senate today began returning the fire of Republicans attacking the government ship purchase bill. Senator Walsh delivered an elaborate argument maintaining the unquestionable right of the United States to acquire belligerent owned merchant ships and Senator Fletcher in charge of the bill, followed with a speech charging that the "Rockefeller-Morgan-Perkins interests were behind opposition to the measure.

Senator Fletcher declared the system of blocking directorates existing today in the shipping world probably was without parallel in financial history. One by one he took up the list of directors of steamship companies engaged in American foreign and coastwise trade, and told of the financial connections of the individual directors.

"I am warranted in saying," he concluded," that 90 per cent. of the coastwise and practically the entire foreign American shipping is in the hands of those allied with the National City Bank, the United States Trust Company, the National Bank of Commerce, the Guaranty Trust Company, all having for their head the Rockefeller-Morgan-Perkins interests."

"It is against these interests that the government is fighting for this measure. And the reason the entrance of the government in this business is opposed, that entrance will break the chains by which the independent lines now are kept out of the trade.

"I have information that the same interests have investments in some of the big Eastern newspapers and this may account for the stalwart opposition of some Eastern newspapers to this bill. May we not assume that these same interests have dominated the Chamber of Commerce in New York, Boston, and New Orleans in reaching conclusions in opposition to the measure?"

In reply to questions Senator Fletcher said that in his opinion the government should first buy ships in the markets of the world where no international complications might result.

Senator Walsh, in an elaborate argument, replying to Senator Root's prediction that international difficulties would result from the measure, quoted prize court decisions, State Department records and legal authorities of many nations to show that the bill's proposals were within international rights.

"There may be valid arguments against the pending bill founded upon consideration of domestic policy" declared Senator Walsh, "but there are no evils attendant upon it, so far as our foreign relations are concerned, that have thus far been pointed out, even if the shipping board should conclude to test by purchase of one or more of the belligerent vessels in our ports, the question as to whether the declaration of London has forever foreclosed us from farther maintaining our historic attitude concerning the rights of neutrals to purchase the vessels of nations at war."

Only Question Involved.

Senator Walsh declared the only thing that must be proved under international law to free the cotton ship Dacia from danger of condemnation by a prize court, was that her transfer from German to American ownership was made in good faith. The right of marine transfers in war time had been maintained repeatedly by British courts he asserted, and strenuously supported by the United States at all times. He added that if Senator Root now held that it had been abandoned by this government, the senator had been derelict in his duty when Secretary of State in not pointing out to the country in connection with the Declaration of London that so vital a surrender had been made.

"It is idle, however," he continued, "to delude ourselves into the notion that the question is one free from doubt. It is understood an intimation already has come to the State Department from some source that acquisition of any of the so-called 'interned ships' would be regarded as apparently unlawful ones. But what of it? Are we to abandon our historic attitude upon this question simply because some or all of the warring nations may exhibit some disposition to dispute it, are we to decline to put the question to the test merely because of a vague apprehension?"

Former Incidents Quoted.

Senator Walsh referred to the purchase of the steamer St. Harlampy from Russian citizens by Boston merchants during the Crimean war. A warning that French cruisers would seize the ship had been disregarded, he said, and the vessel was not molested.

"But suppose she had been captured," he added. "What reason is there to suppose that such an incident would have involved us in war with France? If redress were not obtainable through diplomatic channels this government doubtless would have demanded that the controversy be arbitrated. Before an arbitral tribunal the controverted legal question would have been fought out and an authoritative decision of

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INSURANCE LOAN BILL HAS PASSED

Women Notaries Public Bill is Now State Law.

SPICY TALK IN SENATE

Bill as to Punishment of Bank Defaulters is Killed—Anti-Saloon League Bills Introduced Mesures Discussed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—After spirited opposition by Senators McMichael, Snow, McCracken and others, the Senate today passed the House bill to provide that it shall not be construed to be usury for insurance policies, fire or life, to be issued by insurance companies at usual premiums and then loan money to the insured at the legal rate. It was explained that this change would overcome a ruling of the Supreme court and bring much money into the State.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill providing for women notaries public and the bill was ordered enrolled for ratification. Senator Ward made a vain fight against concurrence in the amendment. The vote was 13 to 25.

The Nash bill to provide the arbitral courts in counties through clerks of the courts passed without opposition.

The Senate had a lengthy and spirited discussion on the bill to make the minimum punishment on bank defaulters ten years instead of four months, and finally voted it down by a considerable majority. Senator McMichael imparted spice to the talk with a declaration that he supported the bill because it was after the "kid gloves and biled shirt criminal."

In the House Grier, of Iredell, introduced for the Anti-Saloon League the official bills for stopping delivery and receipt of liquors for beverage and to prohibit manufacture and sale of malt.

The Stacy bill for authorizing the issuance by railroads of passes to ministers actively engaged in the ministry passed second reading and was opposed on final reading by Representatives Page, Grier and others and then went over for final hearing. Page thought the bill would open an embarrassing situation for the railroads. Grier thought churches should pay ministers enough to take care of their traveling expenses.

The bill to legalize service of processes over telephone was held up on final reading by objection by Representative Hutchinson.

The bill to require more complete returns of tobacco sales by warehouses and imposing $25 fine passed second reading and went over on objection.

The bill providing three judicial circuits in North Carolina was unfavorably reported from the committee.

A large number of prohibition petitions were presented to both the Senate and House this morning, taking up most of their time until after the morning hour.

New Hanover Bills Passed.

New Hanover county bills put through the House today were:

Incorporate "Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy."

Authorizing rural policemen in New Hanover.

Equalize support of James Walker Memorial Hospital, between Wilmington and New Hanover,

Cooper bill to allow any sized packages of meal provided they show weight and whether bolted or unbolted.

Senator Cooper went with a committee this afternoon to Kinston to visit and inspect the State School for Feeble Minded.

DAY IN THE SENATE

The Senate was convened at 11 o'clock by President Daughtridge.

Senator Ward asked that his bill for the repeal of the "long and short haul" clause of the Justice Freight Rate act, a substitute for which embodying the McRae amendment had been reported to the House from the judiciary committee, No. 1, be re-referred to the committee on railroads. There was objection to this and the bill was finally placed on the calendar for special order on Friday.

There were numerous petitions urging legislation to stop the delivery of liquors for beverage purposes, these being from Gaston, Surry, Guilford, Franklin, Johnston, Cabarrus, Duplin, Greene, Craven, Alamance, Buncombe, Chatham, Randolph, New Hanover, Halifax, Lincoln, Person, Anson, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Henderson and other counties.

There were also a great number of petitions for the repeal of the "long and short haul clause" of the Justice Freight Rate act.

New Bills.

New bills were introduced as follows in the Senate:

Davis—Repeal a public local law of 1913 and provide for the establishment of a recorder's court in Morganton township.

Provide for the prompt payment of school funds in Burke county.

Parker—Elect board of education in Johnston county by the people.

Jones—Correct error in acreage of Indian Creek drainage district, Lincoln county.

Nash—Change the time for holding superior court in Orange county.

Raymore—Amend the road laws to Mount Airy township and establish a highway commission.

Cooper—Provide for the election of the board of education of New Hanover county by the people and fix terms of office for the members of the board.

Passed Third Reading.

Bills passed final reading:

Provide road improvement bonds for Ingram and Beulah townships, Johnston county.

Provide for issue of $29,000 bonds by Cumberland county.

Authorize bonds by Yadkin county for roads.

Amend the charter of New Berlin, Columbus county.

Repeal law as to issuance of court house bonds in Beaufort county.

Amend the charter of Plymouth.

Amend the charter of Newman, Richmond county.

Provide special tax for Transylvania county.

Amend the Madison county bond law.

Repeal the dog tax law in Onslow county.

Allow the Cabarrus county commissioners to sell land adjoining the court house.

Authorize employment of a fertilizer inspector by Pitt county commissioners.

Empower the aldermen of Newbern to contribute money to the Newbern band.

Fix salary scale for Warren county officials and create the office of auditer.

Authorize the sale of the Transylvania county home and the erection of a new home.

Authorize the use by Fayetteville of certain funds for extension of sewerage plant.

Authorize the commissioners of Pitt county to borrow money for the erection of a stock law fence.

Amend the law as to the salaries of the sheriff and the clerk of the court in Granville county.

Maintain order in Laurel Park, Henderson county.

Amend the Revisal so as to put the mother on an equality with the father in the inheritance of property from a child, naming them tenants in common.

The joint resolution by Mason from the House, calling on Congress to remove necessity of oath of allegiance to Union during Civil War for setting up claims for goods sold to Federal invaders.

Prescribe that it shall not be considered usury for insurance companies to issue policies, life or fire, at usual rates and then loan money on policies at usual rate of interest, the policies oftentimes safeguarding mortgages. There was lengthy debate in which Senators Hobgood, White and others advocated the bill and Senator Snow, insisting that it should be designated as a bill to legalize usury.

Senator Ward lodged a motion that the Senate do not concur in the House amendment to the Senate bill providing for women notaries public. He declared that the amendment declaring notary public a place and not an office savored of fraud. Senators McRae, Hobgood and Snow spoke vigorously in support of the bill as amended. The Senate concurred in the amendment by a vote of 13 to 25.

The Senate passed after some debate the Nash bill to authorize arbitral courts in the counties under the supervision of the clerks of the court. There was no vote against the measure.

Passed Third Reading.

Other bills passed final reading:

Joint resolution replying to felicitations from Virginia Legislature.

Tax pistols equal to poll tax in Pitt county.

Authorize grants by the Secretary of State to L. L. Witherspoon in Cherokee county.

Abolish office of county treasurer in Catawba and Lincoln counties.

Relative to office of county treasurer, Rowan county.

Relative to the appointment of trustees for benevolent orders.

Require publication of court criminal calendars in Rockingham county.

Make debts due and payable when any part of the security is disposed of, in Hertford, Union, Lincoln and Avery counties.

A joint resolution by Senator Chatham to bring about avoidance of conflict in committee meetings and for systematizing and expediting the work of the Legislature.

Resolution by Hobgood recognizing the importance of Social Service and providing for a social welfare committee.

There was much debate on the bill to make the minimum punishment of bank officers who default ten years instead of four months. It was argued at length and finally voted down. Senator Ward opposed especially on the ground that every bank officer so sentenced would be pardoned or juries would refuse to convict. Senator McMichael advocated the bill as after the "kid glove and biled shirt criminal" who he especially wanted to reach.

An invitation was read to the senators to attend a reception to Secretary Bryan Saturday between 11 and 12 o'clock.

President Daughtridge announced Senators Cooper and Gardner as the committee on the part of the Senate to act with a House committee in receiving Secretary of State Bryan.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock Friday.

DAY IN THE HOUSE

Speaker Wooten convened the House at 10:30 o'clock, the prayer being by the Rev. A. S. Barnes, the newly elected superintendent of the North Carolina Methodist Orphanage.

Great numbers of petitions were presented from nearly every section of the State appealing for the enactment of a law to stop shipments of liquors for beverage purposes. It required 15 minutes to receive and read these petitions by titles. They preceded the introduction by Representative Grier, of Iredell, of the official Anti-Saloon League bill for the prohibition of delivery of liquors for beverage purposes and to regulate the sale of malt so as to assure record of dealers and persons buying malt, which it is insisted is bought mostly for illicit distilling purposes.

The Mount Mitchell Park bill offered by Representative Roberts, of Buncombe, was withdrawn from the committee on propositions and grievances and referred to the committee on appropriations, of which Mr. Roberts is the chairman. It involves a State appropriation of $20,000.

Among the favorably reported bills were a bunch of seven abolishing the office of county treasurer. It is said that fully half the counties in the State have abolished the office of county treasurer.

The House passed without debate the Senate resolution for the Assembly in joint session to hear Secretary Bryan Saturday at noon in Representatives Hall. He speaks at 10 o'clock before the Social Service Association in the First Baptist church.

The members indulged in a hearty laugh when Representative Wilson asked for the privileges of the floor to be extended to L. H. Allred, Jr., and, after this was voted, there was ushered in the three-year-old son of Representative Allred, of Johnston county. He was roundly applauded.

There came from committee an unfavorable report for the bill to divide the State into three judicial circuits.

New Bill Introduced.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Currie—Amend the food laws relative to misbranding articles.

Douglass—Probate and validate certain conveyances.

Clayton—Allow certain Hyde county townships to issue bonds.

Tucker—Repeal laws as to hunting rabbits in Person county.

Laughinghouse—Put tax on all vendors of soft drinks at drink stands.

Grier, of Iredell, (by request of the State Anti-Saloon League)—Prohibit the receipt and delivery of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. Prohibit the manufacture and sale of malt such as is used in the making of malt liquors.

Brummitt—Amend the law as to the practice of pharmacy.

Roberts of Buncombe—Amend the law as to hunting in Buncombe county.

Pegram—Simplify forms of deeds and mortgages.

Alexander—Allow special tax for bridges in Rutherford county.

McBryde—Repeal the act relative to advances made to the State Treasurer relative to drainage work.

Capehart—Fix salaries of Bertie officers and amend the public health laws.

Smith, of Watauga—Repeal Watauga fishing law.

Leonard—Amend the road law as to Thomasville township, Davidson county.

Collins—Amend the charter of Mayesville.

Brown—Authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to encourage immigration.

Inscoe—Amend the law relative to newspaper fees for advertising.

Smith, of Cleveland—Establish Waco school district.

Passed Third Reading.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Incorporate West Jefferson.

Incorporate Davenport College.

Incorporate Pink Hill.

Amend charter of Salisbury.

Provide audit for books of Pitt.

Repeal the act relating to the Board of Agriculture and requiring that a practical farmer shall be Commissioner of Agriculture.

Incorporate "Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy," New Hanover county.

Authorizing rural policemen in New Hanover.

Equalize support of James Walker Memorial Hospital, between Wilmington and New Hanover county.

Allow any sized packages of meal provided they show weight and whether bolted or unbolted.

Regulate hunting in Warren county.

Reinstate game wardens in Yancey.

Protect fur bearing animals in Craven county.

Require more complete returns of warehouse sales of leaf tobacco to Department of Agriculture and provide fine of $25 for failure to report.

Amend Jackson county road law.

Amand the stock law of Macon.

Amend the stock law in Clay county.

Abolish county treasurer in Stanley.

Appoint justices of the peace in Carteret county.

Repeal act allowing sale of partridges in Franklin county.

Validate notary acts in Northampton.

Amend law as to Hyde county recorder's court.

Amend Avery county stock law.

Pay Hyde county sheriff for services in recorder's court.

Authorize Weldon to fund floating indebtedness.

Abolish office of treasurer of Northampton county.

Other Bills Discussed.

The House passed the bill on second reading to change the open season for deer in Harnett county on the statement by Representative Darden that deer have become so numerous as to damage crops, but it was forced over for final reading on objection by Grier of Iredell, Representative Page leading the fight against the bill.

The House resolution for 50 per cent reduction of cotton crop in 1905 passed second reading but went over for final reading on objection by Representative Vann.

Representative Smith, of Cleveland, reduction of cotton crop in 1915 passhours of work per week in mines and factories and it was passed on second reading, but Representative Hutchinson raised objection to final reading and forced it over to another day.

The Stacy bill for allowing railroad companies to issue passes for active ministers was discussed for some time with objection raised by Representative Page that it would tend to embarrass railroad officials, and of Representative Grier, of Iredell, that the churches should pay sufficient salaries to ministers to take care of the traveling expenses. Objections finally forced the bill over to another day.

The House bill to regulate fishing in Hyde county was put through during the last moments of the session over the objection of Representative Mayo.

The House adjourned to 10:30 o'clock Friday.

JUSTICE ACT AND RATE COMMISSION COST $10,000

According to Statement From Auditor's Office—Results Obtained.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The often asked question as to how much the Justice Act and the Special Freight Rate Commission have cost the State, was answered today in a statement from the State Auditor's office. The following amounts were paid out:

Winston and Biggs, attorneys, $2,000

M. H. Justice, $1,750; W. L. Poteat, $1,150; Alf. A. Thompson, $1,500; Mr. Hillman, $980; J. C. Forrester, $182.30; W. S. Creighton, $284.35; J. L. Graham, $665.25; J. T. Ryan, $87.50. Mr. Hillman had formerly received from the State for work done in the preparation of the Justice bill, about $450. This makes a total of nearly $10,000.

Since the bill to relieve the short line railroads in North Carolina from the long and short haul clause of the Justice act has come up before the Legislature the question has been much discussed as to whether the Justice act has resulted in good or bad to the State. There seems to be no question that this clause in itself has resulted disastrously, since it has deprived localities formerly having competing lines from the benefits of such competition and destroyed the chances of the short lines to get a living business.

"Should the short lines become bankrupt, the big trunk lines will have a cinch, for they are the only people who can afford to buy them in," said a well informed man at the capitol today.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Stock yards at Richmond and Buffalo, N. Y., were closed to outgoing shipments of cattle today, by the Department of Agriculture to give him time for disinfection against foot and mouth disease.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today signed the coast guard bill, which combines the revenue cutter service and the life saving service.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RE-

ceived at the Office of the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., until 2 o'clock P. M., February 10, 1915, and then opened, for repairs to Light Vessel No. 54. Blank proposals and particulars may be obtained by addressing the above office. ja28,27,29-3t

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PEOPLE WOULD ELECT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Under New Hanover Bill Introduced by Senator Cooper

Bill Appoints Board of Five Members, Omitting Carr, and Provides for Popular Election of Their Successors.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Senator Cooper introduced today a bill to "provide for the election of the members of the Board of Education for New Hanover county and to fix terms of office of said members." The bill names five men to serve as members of the board for two years, the name of Chairman J. O. Carr being omitted, and provides that their successors shall be elected by the voters of the county in the general election of 1916 and thereafter. The full text of the bill follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. There shall exist in the county of New Hanover a Board of Education composed of five members to be known as the Board of Education of New Hanover county.

"Sec. 2. That the members of the said Board of Education provided for in the preceding section shall be composed of the following persons, to-wit: J. G. L. Gieschen, B. Solomon, Jos. J. Loughlin, W. E. Perdew and John R. Hanby. The said named persons shall serve for two years from the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the general election for the members of the General Assembly and County Officers of New Hanover county for the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and under the rules and regulations of said election, there shall be five members of the said County Board of Education for New Hanover county elected, two of whom shall be nominated and elected for a term of two years from the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and three of said members shall be nominated and elected for a term of four years from said date and the election of the successors for both those elected for two years and those elected for four years shall be nominated and elected for a period of four years at the regular bi-ennial general elections for members of the General Assembly. Should a vacancy in said Board of Education occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the term of any member thereof, his successor shall be elected by the remaining members of said board to serve until the term of said member shall have expired. Said Board of Education shall elect their own Chairman who shall be a member of the body and shall elect their own Secretary.

"Sec. 3. That the said County Board of Education shall have entire and exclusive ownership and control of the public school interest and property in New Hanover county, but they shall not supercede the school committees in the various townships outside of the City of Wilmington, but said school committees shall report to said County Board of Education and be under their control. Said Board shall prescribe laws, rules and regulations for their own government not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall employ and fix the compensation of officers and teachers of the public schools of the City of Wilmington annually, but said board shall not employ officers and teachers for the public schools outside of Wilmington. Said board shall take an accurate census of the school population of New Hanover county as required by the general school law of the State and do all other acts which may be necessary and lawful in conducting the public schools of Wilmington and New Hanover county. Provided, that no member of the Board of Education shall be in any way directly or indirectly interested in the sale of any books, school apparatus or other school supplies for the public schools of the city of Wilmington.

"Sec. 4. That the moneys which shall belong to the public schools of New Hanover County shall be turned over to the Auditor of New Hanover county, who shall be Treasurer ex-officio of the said County Board of Education. The said moneys received as aforesaid shall be held by said Auditor as a separate fund to be disposed of under the direction of the aforesaid County Board of Education whose warrants signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary of said Board shall be sufficient voucher for said Auditor in any settlement required of him by law. The said Auditor shall furnish annually to the said board at a time to be fixed by said board, a statement supported by proper vouchers of all moneys received and disbursed on account of the public schools of New Hanover county for its approval.

"Sec. 5. That the general bond now required by law of the aforesaid Auditor shall be double the amount received to the credit of said Board of Education on account of public schools.

"Sec. 6. That the Board of Education shall be a body corporate by the name and style of "the Board of Education for New Hanover County' and by this name be capable of receiving gifts and grants, purchasing and holding real and personal property, selling and transferring same or giving mortgages on same for school purposes, prosecuting or defending suits for or against said corporation.

"Sec. 7. That all laws or clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

LOCATED AT FAYETTEVILLE WANTED AT FLORENCE, S. C.

C. A. Roach Charged With Passing Worthless Check for $300.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27.—Sheriff Thos. S. Burch, of Florence county, S. C., was here today to procure from Governor Craig the honoring of a requisition from the Governor of South Carolina for C. A. Roach, who is being held at Fayetteville for the South Carolina authorities to answer the charge of issuing a worthless check at Florence. The check was for $300 and was in part payment to F. M. Rogers, of Florence, for an automobile. The check was given nearly two years ago and Roach was only located a few weeks ago in a small town near Fayetteville.

COLUMBUS MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS SUCCEEDING

Teachers Association Plans For County Commencement

Holds One of Best Meetings in Its History—Dr. Harrison Delivers Address—Demonstrations Given—Other Features.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., January 28.—The public schools of Columbus will hold a county commencement about the first of April, according to decision of the county teachers' association, in their second regular session for the year, held here Friday. The most interesting feature of the programme was a discussion of the moonlight school movement in Columbus county, led by the efficient and popular Superintendent F. T. Wooten, who is really the father of this movement to blot out the curse of adult illiteracy in this county.

Early in the year he sent out letters to the various rural schools, earnestly requesting them to co-operate in this laudable effort. This is only another illustration of the fact that Superintendent Wooten is thoroughly wide awake and that the interests of the people are close to his heart. Quite a number of inspiring reports showing the unusual progress of the new movement were received. Mr. Smith, of Bear Island school, reported that he had enrolled 35 students, the oldest man being 72 years of age. Numbers of other similar reports were given.

Superintendent Wooten discussed some plans for the future. Withing a short time dormitories are to be opened at Whiteville and Chadbourn. Rev. A. H. Porter, chairman of the county board of education, expressed his pleasure at being with the teachers and Mr. J. J. Hendren, county supervisor of farm work, expressed his hearty appreciation of the cooperation of all the teachers.

A feature of the programme was a demonstration lesson in primary arithmetic, conducted by Miss Shell, the capable teacher of the third grade of the Whiteville schools. The children showed excellent training, reflecting much credit upon themselves and their teacher.

After an exceptionally well rendered song, "Soldiers' Chorus," from Faust, by the high school students, Miss Highsmith, also of the Whiteville schools, gave a demonstration in primary reading. In an instructive and scientific way, illustrating the best principles of modern primary teaching, Miss Highsmith went carefully into the art of the proper preparation, presentation and assignment of primary lessons. Every teacher was benefitted.

Following another delightful song, "Sweet and Low," by the school chorus, there came discussion of the moonlight schools. At 1 o'clock ladies of Whiteville endeared themselves to the teachers by serving, in their characteristic way, a luncheon that was enjoyable in every sense of the word. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the ladies just before adjournment.

In the afternoon, Dr. Harrison, of the A. & M. college, delivered one of the most forceful addresses ever heard here. Taking as his theme, "How Reading Aids in Character Building," he soon captivated his audience. The speaker brought out the essential elements of good books, contrasting some of the classics with our contemporary literature. In a convincing manner he showed how good reading aids in the building of one's character.

From the standpoints of attendance, interest and enthusiasm of those present, this was easily one of the best meetings in the history of the association. The programme was suggestive and helpful in every way, and all the teachers departed with a new inspiration for their work. Superintendent Spencer, of the Whiteville High school, president of the association, presided, calling the meeting to order at 11 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Poteat, pastor of Whiteville Baptist church, followed by the singing of "America," by the audience.

Columbus is taking no backward steps, along either material or educational lines. The county now has 45 local tax school districts, more than 60 rural libraries, two State high schools, one at Whiteville and one at Chadbourn, and several schools doing high school work. Illiteracy among the children between the ages of 8 to 12, has been reduced from 13 1-2 per cent. in 1902 to 3 per cent. in 1914. The total value of the entire school property of the county in 1902 was less than $6,000. It is now more than $100,000. The average salary paid teachers 12 years ago was $27.50. The average salary now is $45. The town of Tabor has recently erected a handsome brick school building, with nine class rooms and an auditorium.

M. L. M.

CHARLIE DOOIN HAS SIGNED WITH REDS

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Chas. S. Dooin, former manager of the Philadelphia Nationals, today signed a two-year contract to catch for Cincinnati. The salary is said to be $6,000 a year.

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SPORTS

A. A. CIRCUIT IS NOW THIRD MAJOR LEAGUE

Draft Has Been Lifted, Says A. A. President.

President Chivington Also States That Major League Territory Has Been Granted to American Association.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The American Association has won its fight for recognition as the third major league in organized baseball, President Chivington said today. The National commission has granted it territory in cities now occupied by the National or American League and a large number of players.

First news of the plan came in a statement from James C. McGill, Indianapolis club president, who announced the draft had been lifted so far as the Association was concerned.

Chivington declines to say what cities would be included and what of those now in the circuit would be left out.

Herrmann Denies It.

Cincinnati, Jan. 28.—The lifting of drafts in the American Association would automatically raise it to major league standing," said Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission today. "The National Commission, however, has not taken up the matter of lifting the drafts in any of the minor leagues as yet. The matter has been discussed several times during the last year, but no action has been taken and I do not think any will be taken in the immediate future."

BALTIMORE FEDS MAY COME TO FAYETTEVILLE TO TRAIN.

Manager Knabe in City Yesterday Looking Over Grounds.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 28.—Otto Knabe, manager of the Baltimore Federal League club, was in Fayetteville today looking over the ground with a view of selecting this city for the Baltimore Federals' winter training quarters. Knabe, who came as a result of negotiations started by the chamber of commerce, seemed very favorably impressed, but was not empowered to make a decision. It will be up to the executive officers of the club. He returned to Baltimore tonight.

From indications, Fayetteville fans feel they have every reason to hope that the Baltimore Federals' training camp will be moved from Pinehurst to this city, which has heretofore been training quarters for the Baltimore "Orioles."

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF LANDS.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Wilmington Door and Lumber Company to C. N. Evans, President, Trustee, dated Marth 18th, 1912, and recorded in Book 68, page 107, in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, default having been made in the payment of the debt thereby secured, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1915, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door, in New Hanover county, expose to sale for cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following described tracts or parcels of land:

First Tract.

Beginning at a point in the western line of Front street 132 feet North of the northern line of Ann street, and running thence northwardly along said western line of Front street 66 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Ann street to the channel or deep water said channel or deep water of the Cape Fear River southwardly and parallel with Front street 66 feet to the northern line of Lot No. 5, in Block 125, of said city; thence eastwardly and parallel with Ann street to the western line of Front street, the point of beginning. The same being that tract or parcel of land conveyed by one A. M. Prince to Brunswick Wood and Coal Company by deed bearing date January the 7th, 1911, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, and conveyed by Brunswick Wood and Coal Company to Wilmington Door and Lumber Company, as will appear by reference to the Public Records of New Hanover County.

Second Tract.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of Meares street 183 feet East of the eastern line of Fourth street, and running thence along said line of Meares street 33 feet in an easterly direction; thence North and parallel with Fifth street 87 feet to the old Coalfield (Francis Morris) line; thence along said line in a westwardly direction 33 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Fifth street 87 feet to the northern line of Meares street, the point of beginning. The same being part of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 20, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

Third Tract.

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Cape Fear Township, on the East side, in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a cypress, on the West side of Cat Fish Creek, a small distance above an old field; thence with the lower line or a tract formerly owned by Samuel Ashe, west 220 poles to a cypress on said Cat Fish Creek, near its head; thence same course 103 poles to the North West River; thence down the River so as to measure in a due South line 95 poles; thence from said River due East 336 poles to Cat Fish Creek; thence up said Creek 35 poles; thence due East 75 poles to a stake on the Sand Hill; thence North 12 degrees West 62 poles; thence West 80 poles to Cat Fish Creek, opposite the Fish Station, containing by estimation 222½ acres, of which twenty-five acres is high land.

One tract situate in said County of New Hanover, on the South side of Cat Fish Creek, in the upper part of the bend, beginning at a cypress on the Creek between the line of the land which formerly belonged to Samuel Ashe and Thos. C. Reston; thence with their line East 84 poles to the corner of said Ashe's line, or rather his old center ditch; thence with said Center Ditch North 2 poles; thence East 30 poles to the corner by the side of the Creek; thence West to the Creek, and thence up the Creek to the beginning, containing 9½ acres.

One tract situate in said County of New Hanover, on said North West River, and Cat Fish Creek, beginning on the River, on the lower corner of the tract on said Creek first above described, thence East 60 poles; thence South 129 poles to the River; thence up the River to the beginning, containing 60 acres of Tide Swamp.

Also eight acres of Sand Hill situate in said County of New Hanover, on Cat Fish Creek, beginning on the Creek at what was formerly known as the Reston lower corner; thence down the creek 20 poles; thence East and back adjoining the western line for its compliment. The last mentioned four tracts of land, described under "Third Tract" herein, being the same lands conveyed by E. P. H. Strunck and wife to Brunswick Wood & Coal Company by deed bearing date June 12, 1909, and duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, in Book 58, page 458, et seq., and reference is hereby made to said deed for the description therein contained, and the same being conveyed by the Brunswick Wood & Coal Company to the Wilmington Door & Lumber Company, by proper deed of conveyance, as the Public Records of New Hanover County will show.

Dated and posted this 13th day of January, 1915.

C. N. EVANS, President, Trustee.

By Atlantic Trust and Banking Company, Assignee.

ROBERT RUARK, Attorney.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1915.

Who's putting the can on the commercially disposed American?

Knowledge is knowing a great deal, but wisdom is what keeps a man from telling all he knows.

When there is any row going on, don't start any if you possibly can refrain from getting into trouble.

Anybody can easily find fault but those who make it a habit, are never able to find a friend who can stand for them.

In South Carolina there are laws against "cursing and swearing on the streets," but when a South Carolinian has a few remarks to make to his mule there is always something doing in the country.

It is said that "a poor excuse is better than none," but a man who can't give any excuse at all depends on working off dissembled humility in a way that it is easily palmed off for sorrow.

It is stated that the lumber business is picking up. The prices for yellow pine are firm and the volume of business is larger in all the Southern States from North Carolina to Texas.

Some people want the Legislature to adjourn in forty days to save expenses. Others favor forty days, because they think the Legislature might do something it should not do. Others don't care whether the session lasts forty days or sixty days, just so it does as little as possible.

An Atlanta man is suing for divorce on the allegation that his wife "has grown shrewish and fiendishly dictatorial." He may furnish the cause for her making it hot for him, but probably the court will look into that before it dissolves the tie that is no railroad tie.

Says the Philadelphia Public Ledger: "American money is still needed at home." "Still needed" is right. However, all kinds of money looks good at home with the exception of several kinds of Mexican money turned out on job presses that have been worked over time by Mexico's aggregation of presidents.

When the Republicans went out of power recently in Tennessee, there was a deficit in the treasury. Inasmuch, however, as Democrats have left deficits of varying sizes at odd times, we simply refer to the Republican deficit in Tennessee to show that we have heard about it, Republicans have just as much right to have deficits as Democrats, but Democrats ought to be careful not to set Republicans such a bad example. It might be so that it may be hard for them to resist it.

The Kansas legislature has a member who has announced that he will not introduce a bill during the session. It is quite likely that his county has enough of legislation and only sent him there to see to it that some of the pernicious legislation passed does not apply to his county. There are men who think they are not making a reputation unless they introduce a lot of bills for new laws or tear up old ones by amending them in one or more particulars. Some times a legislator is valuable because he maintains a harmless attitude during the session.

The Wade cotton pool, involving the raising of more than $100,000,000 in gold, was a tremendous success in one way. During a war panic that huge sum was gotten together, and although the amount loaned was only $12,000 up to the time the pool went into dissolution last week, the scheme was a momentous transaction at the time and would have been a huge undertaking when there was not a speck on the financial horizon. Mr. Wade, the St. Louis cotton man, deserves credit and even praise for originating a relief plan that failed only because it was a mammoth business affair that could not be perfected till the money strain was otherwise broken.

CHRONICLES OF THE CAPE FEAR.

"We have had the rare privilege of reading a delightful book about North Carolina by one of her most gifted and most useful sons. It is 'Chronicles of the Cape Fear River,' by Mr. James Sprunt of the city of Wilmington, issued from the presses of Edwards & Broughton Printing Company of Raleigh. The book is good to look upon and better to look into and live in. It will enable those of the present and coming generations to review the daily lives and heroic deeds of a brave people, whose history will interest all, but will have a peculiar charm for North Carolinians. The work is a valuable collection of historical data, but it is more than this; it is filled with human interest touches. The author lived through many of the scenes he describes and he has added the charm of his gentle nature and noble soul. To his great success as a man of affairs he has now added a notable achievement as a man of letters."

The above complimentary allusion to Mr. Sprunt's "Cape Fear Chronicles" is taken from the last issue of the Raleigh State Journal and is in line with the expressions of many others on this subject. Mr. Sprunt has been confined to bed with a very painful illness for nearly five weeks, from which he is slowly convalescing.

He desires to acknowledge most gratefully the able and generous assistance of his friend, Captain Samuel A. Ashe, to whom he inscribed the volume, and who has kindly read proof, supplied deficiencies, curtailed too lengthy articles, and has otherwise greatly assisted in accomplishing this favorable result.

In response to inquiries for the purchase of the work, we are informed that after the Public School Libraries and personal friends have been supplied, a number of copies will be presented to the Daughters of the Confederacy to be sold for the benefit of that institution.

THE HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT.

We want to heartily concur in the timely observations of our valued afternoon contemporary upon the action of a recent mass meeting in Winston-Salem, which, in considering a new form of charter for that city, went emphatically on record in favor of a proposition to confine the city's indebtedness to its income. Unless the emergencies of health demand it, the Dispatch points out that some character of limitation should be put upon our own management here in Wilmington. Of course, it says, if the people select to empower the city, by voting bonds, to make improvements, that is another question, but for officials to run in debt, to exceed the income, is a very dangerous thing, and opens the flood gate for a city to be plunged deeply in debt.

Referring to the creation of floating debt, it says that converting these floating debts into bonds is simply a business expedient, under the circumstances, but if there is no check on the circumstances what protection has the taxpayer? The answer is obvious. We cannot do better than to quote the concluding paragraphs of The Dispatch's editorial, which was as follows:

"Every individual is expected to live upon his income, and certainly the business that does not do so is sooner or later going to break. A city, after all, is only a big business, though its workings are more complicated and by far more diversified, of course. There should be some limit on expenses. This would not prevent progress, in case the money is inadequate, because provision could be made for the people to vote bonds. And right here there is a ridiculous aspect. Voting bonds is said to be the privilege of the people. Yet a floating debt can be incurred and converted into bonds. Cities in every section are beginning to pay more attention to their financial status; not that there is anything morally wrong, but that there may be something wrong from a business standpoint."

All of this is worthy of the serious consideration of the citizens of Wilmington. It is time for sentiment to be insistent upon a business-like administration of this city's affairs. It will help the standing of the city financially and prove advantageous to tax-payers. Judicious effort should be made to keep down the city tax rate, since that would palpably be advantageous for our city in attracting both industries and investments.

BUILD ROADS WISELY AND WELL

If there is one bill that the General Assembly should pass like it means business, it is Representative Benehan Cameron's bill to establish a State Highway Commission. It could well be entitled a bill to save money in the construction of highways and save trouble after they are constructed. The Cameron bill provides for a State good roads commission to be composed of expert, experienced and practical men and it embodies provisions for engineering service, expert advice and cooperation with such counties as may enter upon good roads construction.

Such a commission is a real need in North Carolina and its establishment under such an excellent bill as that of Representative Cameron would do constructive credit to the General Assembly. It would save the State hundreds of thousands of dollars year by year, or rather save those counties which propose to put their good money in good roads.

No county should undertake to build a good road or a system of modern highways or permanent highways without proper engineering to start with and expert supervision from start to finish. Lots of money can be thrown away in building roads in the wrong way. Proper surveys, efficient drainage and methods of construction, in keeping with the local conditions, money to be spent and the class of road to be built, are absolutely essention to economy in the expenditure as well as in the character and substantialness of the highway. This is a question of serious import to North Carolina and the Legislature should seriously consider it in the interest of the counties, singly and collectively. There is nothing more important in the progress and development of the State than this question, and the General Assembly should so regard it.

Representative Cameron's bill has the endorsement of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, while Governor Craig and other eminent constructive men heartily and earnestly approve it. The passage of the bill would be a great advertisement for North Carolina in this age of modern highway construction.

There is no longer need of argument as to the advantage and necessity for good roads. There is, however, a necessity for going into good roads construction under such scientific supervision as a State Highway Commission would assure.

COLUMBUS COUNTY'S FINE RECORD

The remarkable record in educational work made by Columbus county in recent years has attracted State-wide attention and is worthy of emulation by most of the other counties of North Carolina. Very few other counties, if any at all, except perhaps those in which cities are located, such as New Hanover, Wake, Durham and some others, have made such progress as has been seen in Columbus, which is a purely rural county.

The value of the school property in Columbus has been more than multiplied by 16 in the last dozen years. In 1902 the value of her school property was less than $6,000. Now it is more than $100,000. The average salary paid teachers twelve years ago was $27.50. The average now is $45. The county now has 45 local school tax districts; more than 60 rural libraries, two State high schools and several other schools doing high school work.

All this indicates notable progress in interest, equipment and facilities. What of the results? One fact is sufficient as an illustration. Illiteracy among the children between the ages of eight and twelve years has been reduced from 13 1-2 per cent in 1902 to 3 per cent in 1914.

Recently Superintendent F. T. Wooten launched a campaign to obliterate adult illiteracy. Several "moonlight" schools have been established and these have an enrollment now of more than one hundred, and the work is reported to be showing gratifying results already.

The people of Columbus and their superintendent of schools are to be congratulated.

ED GERKEN.

News of the tragic death of Ed Gerken, who was killed in an automobile accident between Jacksonville, Fla., and Pablo Beach, on Tuesday, greatly shocked those in Wilmington who had known him from his boyhood days. Deputy Marshal Roberts, who was in the machine with Mr. Gerken, also met death when the auto skidded from a brick paved highway and turned over, pinning both men beneath the wreckage. They were returning to Pablo from Jacksonville, where they had been to deliver a negro prisoner to the sheriff.

Ed Gerken was a Wilmingtonian but he left here when a youth and went South. He was several kinds of a genius, and having preferred newspaper work in his boyhood days, he fitted himself very cleverly into nearly every position from type-sticker, linotypist, ad. solicitor, and reporter, to editorial writer. He has worked in Savannah, Atlanta and Jacksonville, perhaps in other Georgia and Florida cities, and everywhere he went he became popularly known by reason of his sunny temperament and sociable disposition. He was a keen observer and was an all round newspaper bohemian, never being so happy as when he was doing various kinds of something around a newspaper shop.

The lamented Mr. Gerken has several close kinspeople in Wilmington and his friends and their friends share the sorrow that his tragic death has so suddenly brought. It is here that they will bury him this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the city of his birth, amid the scenes of his boyhood and close to those who were tied to him in kinship and friendship.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Austin Statesman says: "And now the Bull Moosers complain that President Wilson stole his National employment agency plan from their platform. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch objects to the word 'stole' and insists upon 'exhumed'." Maybe they willed it to him when they died.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

One of the features of the drainage work in the State which makes it unpopular in some individual cases, is the natural and unavoidable circumstance that in any extended operation, the cost falls quite heavily upon land owners who may have an extended strip alongside the stream drained, though in the average the cost is nominal to all land owners benefited. In almost every county where drainage work has been done this difficulty has been encountered and it was in order for law suits to be instituted. But these law suits have been growing less in the recent past, for even at the larger cost the land owners have found the dredge boat a good investment. In a drainage discussion before a legislative committee it was developed that in McDowell county one tract of land was raised from a valuation of five cents an acre, to $100 an acre. This is not a rare instance. It has been duplicated in almost every county through which the dredge boat has dug its way.—Charlotete Observer.

If it were in our power to outline a policy for the present General Assembly along certain lines our advice would be that this be in the nature of taking proper care of what we have, and not of launching out into new fields. The members of the General Assembly come from different sections of the State. They know the conditions which exist in every county in North Carolina, and we cannot believe they can go back to their constituents with the record of having pledged the expenditure of funds for new affairs to be taken up by the State. The institutions which are already in operation are asking for help along various lines. Wherever this is the absolute need it should be granted. If there will be no hurt by delay there should be a delay till another General Assembly can find the way to give all that is then the need. We are meeting new and untried conditions in North Carolina this year, and there is need for wisdom in the General Assembly. The men who are in that body we feel are patriotic North Carolinans, and we urge that they study carefully every proposition which would involve the State in new obligations. It is better to be safe than to be sorry. The State has made progress under existing conditions as to its various institutions, and the pebple should not be called upon to foot bills for new matters. In all good reason it can be urged that this is not the time for things of that kind. Give every possible care for what we have and let the new matters of expenditures for additional undertakings wait for a more favorable season.—Raleigh News and Observer.

MR. HERRING COMES BACK.

To the Editor of The Star:

Good morning, Mr. Batson. I hope you are feeling well.

I think by my question in Sunday's Star, I confessed that I did not know it all. I asked for information. But for some cause you did not give it to me and I am asking again, "Why is pork selling for less than cost by the producer and three times its cost when sold to the consumer?" One other question I would like to ask and when answered I think I would be a little wiser. Why were the meat cutters at or near the Market house so interested in this question of sanitation that they were all present at the meeting of Council while the up-town butchers were so unconcerned as not to be present, when the question of rescinding a certain ordinance came up?

If the retail merchants are not making expenses it may be that they are not making 200 per cent on what they sell and so they should agree to have the same price the year 'round without considering whether the wholesale price is high or low. I learned long ago that the pork market is low at this season of the year but there is one thing I have not learned and would be glad to know and that is why pork is not cheaper to the consumer at this time of the year. There is where the shoe pinches with the consumer and the producer alike and that is the question at issue. I am not "wise" enough to answer your statement that the people of Wilmington are tired of pork and are taking a rest. I will leave the question who may know that there are lots of people who would be glad to have a pork steak if the prices were not prohibitory. Consumers, are you taking a rest from pork eating because you are gorged or because the "bacteria" cost so much that you cannot afford it?

Now, Mr. Batson, you surely are not insinuating that I am selfish or narrow minded, for according to your statement I am in the class that is faring fine and so should be satisfied. And yet I am not and why? It is because there are people in the city and in the county who are not able with present market conditions to make both ends meet. Mr. Batson, you say be quiet; all is well. I will let the reader draw his own conclusions as to my selfishness or narrow mindedness. I had rather share the afflictions of my people than to revel in ease and contentment.

Now I want to say that neither the retail merchant nor the middleman was mentioned in the article referred to, as anyone can easily see by reading it in Sunday's Star and you are simply trying to draw them in in order to get their sympathy. I suppose you could easily get them interested in your cause, if you could show them how they could have certain laws passed that would enable them to make 200 per cent and arrest every fellow who undertook to sell for less. But if they were to undertake it, there would be an investigating committee appointed at once.

I am unwilling to exchange places with you, Mr. Batson, and take over your "get-rich-quick business and skin game market" because I am not "wise" enough to know just how much to charge a man who does pay his bills to cover the loss of the men who do not pay. (I suppose, Mr. Batson, you could fill my place and give cheap advice.) I imagine it takes a "wise" man to make this calculation. There, Mr. Batson, is the rub. The man who can't pay his bills many times because he doesn't care to and many times because the bill is too high for him to pay and so it goes unpaid. That is a problem. Now, if I received a little profit on my produce I could pay my bills and my city friend, if he could have bought from me at a lower cost, could have paid his bills and so it goes.

And yet we are not allowed to meet in your city and trade thus. When he is willing to buy my produce (after it is inspected and pronounced good) at a lower cost you object, it seems to me, because you think you must have him on your list of customers to help pay the bills of the fellows who will not pay.

Why do you object to my selling pork for 13 cents, if I can, after it has been inspected and pronounced good under the same inspections and by the same inspector as the meat you are selling? Do you object to competition and are you contending for a monopoly on farm produce?

Don't discuss me so much, for they know I am not wise or else I would eat clover and keep quiet, but face the question and tell the people of this city why supply and demand do not govern our market prices to the consumer. According to your statement, Mr. Batson, they do govern prices to the producer but not to the consumer.

I wish to call attention again to my article and ask how many accusations are made in it by me against anyone, and then read Mr. Batson's article and see how many are assumed by him. Does a guilty conscience need any accuser? The accusation I bring is this: The market conditions are one-sided and I believe that some relief would and could be had, if those in power were so disposed. It's up to the city people to make them so disposed.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous year and thanking you for past favors, I am, J. P. HERRING.

—There will be an important meeting of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber.

THIS IS A BAD MONTH

The indoor life of winter, with lack of outdoor exercise, puts a heavy load on the kidneys. Nearly everybody suffers from rheumatism, backache, pain in sides and back, kidney and bladder ailments. A backache may not mean anything serious, but it certainly does not mean anything good. It's better to be on the safe side and take Foley's Kidney Pills to strengthen and invigorate the kidneys and help them do their work. They help rid the blood of acids and poisons. Sold by R. R. Bellamy.

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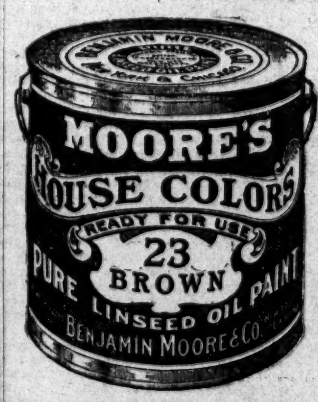

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MR. BLAIR BACK FROM RALEIGH

Attended Hearing on Bill to Create Teachers' Examining Board—Impressed with Legislature.

Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of city schools, returned yesterday from Raleigh, where Tuesday and Wednesday he attended the meeting of the Legislative Committee of the State Teachers' Assembly, of which he is a member, and appeared with the committee on the hearing before the joint committees on education of the House and Senate on the proposed bill for examination and certification of teachers.

The bill in question provides for the establishment of a board of examiners for State teachers. Of this board the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be ex-officio chairman. It shall consist of seven members in Raleigh. This does not mean that the examination are to be held in this city. On the contrary, examinations will, as now, be held in the various counties over the entire State. The remuneration of the board will be $5 per day each and actual expenses during the actual sittings of the board. This amount is to be derived from a fee of not less than $1 and not more than $5, to be required of each candidate for a certificate.

The board will have the right to classify the teachers' examined in a graded system. The same may be done for the higher institutions in the State, to the end that credit may be given graduates for work done.

The Legislative Committee also endorsed the Weaver Child Labor bill, now before the General Assembly. Under the present system, the duty of enforcing the child labor law is on the county superintendents of education. The Weaver bill would provide machinery for its enforcement at the hands of a labor commissioner and two factory superintendents.

Mr Blair stated yesterday that the Legislature is a fine looking body of men, and that it appears to be conservative and safe and sane in its attitude toward all questions coming before it.

While in Raleigh Mr. Blair visited the Hall of History, as the State Museum is now known, and had quite a pleasant talk with Colonel Fred A. Olds, the collector. Colonel Olds is much interested in the new school buildings that have been erected here, and he congratulated Wilmington on the selection of the names of William Hooper and Cornelius Harnett for these schools. He gave Mr. Blair two rare steel engravings of Polk and Jackson, two Presidents born in North Carolina, and a fine photograph of historic old St. Paul's church, at Edenton, for presentation to the schools. Colonel Olds also extended to the Senior Class of the High school, through Mr. Blair, an invitation to visit the Hall of History and offered to make the class an address on historical matters if the invitation is accepted.

MRS. FLORA E. CURRIE DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

End Came at Home at Carolina Heights —Funeral Tomorrow Morning.

Many friends throughout the city learned with deep regret yesterday of the death of Mrs. Flora E. Currie, widow of the late Mr. Stephen A. Currie, which occurred at 2:45 p. m., at her home, No. 1709 Princess street, Carolina Heights, following a period of failing health extending over the past several years, and more particularly for the past several months.

Mrs. Currie was 70 years of age, and is survived by three sisters: Mrs. H. E. McIver, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. W. F. Ussery, of Dothan, Ala., both of whom were with her at the time of her death, and Mrs. J. A. Morris, of Thomasville, N. C. Surviving also are many nephews, nieces and other relatives here and in other parts of the State.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence, No. 1709 Princess street, by Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Currie was for many years a consistent and devoted member. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. Currie was born February 16, 1846, a Thomasville, N. C., a member of the Thomas family, of that place. She was married December 26, 1870, to Mr. S. A. Currie, of Wilmington, and since that time has made this city her home. Her husband preceded her to the grave a number of years ago, and two years ago, shortly after an extended foreign tour with her mother, her only daughter, Miss Eunice Currie, died. Since that time Mrs. Currie had been in failing health, and for the past several months she had been confined to her room. Her death was not altogether unexpected, yet the announcement caused widespread sorrow, for she was a woman of noble Christian character, and was held in the highest esteem and admiration by all who were numbered in the circle of her acquaintanceship.

DRIVER WASN'T GUILTY

Dave Lovett Was Observing Traffic Laws When Drove Into Buggy.

After thinking over the matter since the preceding day, Recorder Empie yesterday decided that Dave Lovett, colored, wasn't guilty of any violation of the law when he drove into a buggy last fall, inflicting considerable damage, as the accident could not have been avoided under the circumstances. Thornwell Owens and Filford Peterson, both colored, were required to pay half the costs each for engaging in an affray. Robert Shepard, colored, will be tried today on a charge of stealing a gun.

Case against K. C. Sidbury, Esq., and two negroes, charging them with forcible trespass, was continued until next Tuesday. They are alleged to have entered upon the lands of Mr. Pembroke Jones and to have started the building of a house. The real point at issue is the title to the land, both plaintiff and defendant claiming it.

Little Daughter Injured.

Little Miss Cary Louise Mote, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Mote, 716 North Fifth street, was run over and painfully hurt by a wood cart at Fourth and Harnett streets yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The little girl was riding to Rehder's store when the cart, in charge of a negro driver, whipped in at a fast speed, it is said, from an intersecting street and knocked the child down. She was unconscious when first taken from under the very feet of the horse but later when taken to her home and a physician was summoned, it was found that while she had a number of painful bruises and a sprained ankle, her injuries will not prove serious. Mr. Mote knows the driver of the vehicle and will have a warrant issued for him, charging reckless driving.

HEARING ON STATE FISH BILL

Local Interests to be Represented in Raleigh Today—Government Expert Speaks.

Representatives of the local commercial fishing interests will attend the hearing in Raleigh today before the joint committee of the General Assembly on the State-wide fish bill, introduced by Senator O. Max Gardner. The bill would provide for a State Fish Commission, and the local fishing interests, at a meeting here last week, went on record as favoring such a commission.

Mr. D. J. Fergus and Mr. J. B. Fales, both well known fish packers and shippers, left last evening for Raleigh, where they will attend the hearing before the committee today as the representative of the fishing interests along the various sounds in this section.

Dr. H. F. Moore, an expert from the United States Bureau of Fisheries, addressed the General Assembly Wednesday night in behalf of State-wide legislation for fish protection, and his remarks, as quoted in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer, will be of interest in this section. The account is as follows:

"There are about 50 varieties of fish on the North Carolina coast," Dr. H. F. Moore, assistant in charge of scientific inquiry, United States Bureau of Fisheries, made this interesting statement.

Dr. Moore addressed the General Assembly last night in the House of Representatives.

His address was a plea for legislation to protect fishing industry by the enactment of a State-wide law.

"What we see of the life of a fish," he said, "is an insignificant part of its whole life. Recognition of this fact is necessary: That before fishing laws are laid down, hard and fast, we must know something of the habits of the fish we would protect.

"Legislators are often baffled by contradictory evidence submitted to them by interested parties. The necessity of gathering exact data is imperative. A State Fish Commissioner could gather this exact information and have it available for the Assembly's guidance.

"There is danger of going too much into detail in fish legislation. Very often an emergency arises needing legislative action. By the time the Assembly meets and is in a position to afford the needed relief, it is too late, the damage is done.

"A Fish Commissioner, given a certain amount of latitude, would be able to handle this emergency when it arose. These emergencies do come. They have in other States and will in North Carolina."

Dr. Moore told how the spawning grounds of shad in North Carolina waters had been destroyed. How the original hatch of 75,000,000 shad had dwindled to 3,000,000. Protection to the spawning grounds had gradually increased the hatch until now it was up to 104,000,000.

"Unless North Carolina enacts legislation to protect its fish industry," said he, "the Federal Government will do little or nothing to aid that industry. There is no reason why the United States government should spend money planting fish in waters that the State will not protect.

"Fish legislation is not a local matter and should not be. Local legislation is never effectively administered. This comes only from State control.

"In this respect, Louisiana, 14 years ago, was worse off than North Carolina. I can say nothing worse than that the United States Bureau of Fisheries made certain recommendations to the legislature of that state. As a result a reasonable oyster law was passed with these results:

"The industry increased in volume from 900,000 bushels of oysters annually to 3,000,000. The State's income from the industry from $350 a year to $30,000. Conditions there have vastly increased as a result of this legislation.

"The Federal Government has a vital interest in the food supply of the nation. Federal regulation of all fisheries would be regrettable, but is inevitable. There is now a bill before Congress vesting the control of migratory fish in the Federal government. When the experts get through defining just what compose these classes of fish the government would protect it will cover most everything you have.

"This bill now before the North Carolina Legislature is not all that is to be desired. But it is a long step in the right direction. And it is possible to have even such a law as this only many years' efforts on your part to meet on common ground.

"The largest fish producing State in the Union is Massachusetts. It yields in fish and oysters about $6,000,000. North Carolina produces about $1,600,000. If the industry were put under proper management, they would increase—double. The opportunities presented in North Carolina for developing a great fish and oyster industry are fully equal to that of any other state."

NO COUNTY EXEMPTIONS.

Urged by State Geologist Pratt and Fish Commissioner Leroy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Members of the State Board of Geological Survey, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, and State Fish Commissioner J. R. Leroy, are here urging upon the members of the General Assembly that there must be no exemption of any counties directly interested in the deep water fisheries of Eastern Carolina from the State fisheries law and the control of the State fish commissioner if there is to be any real control of the fishing industry and effective conservation of the fisheries interests, which they insist are an asset for the entire State as a necessary food supply. They are insisting that a State-wide fisheries commission, properly conducted and clothed with adequate powers, could soon develop the industry to great proportions and be made to be worth millions of dollars to the people of the State.

FUNERAL OF MR. LESLIE.

Remains of Goldsboro Man Buried in Bellevue Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Alex. S. Leslie, Jr., whose death occurred at his home in Goldsboro Wednesday night, was conducted from the undertaking parlors of Mr. W. E. Yopp yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Anthony R. Parshley, assistant at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Rev. J. W. S. Harvey and Messrs. M. M. Parker, Jr., Joseph Bryan and George W. Milton.

—Charged with reckless driving of a dray in which coal was being hauled, Charlie Shell, colored, was arrested last night by Policeman J. O. Bullard and recognized for his appearance before the Recorder this morning. He is alleged to have endangered a little child by his careless driving.

MERRICK'S BROTHER LIVING

According to Information Received From Washington, N. C., Yesterday—More Letters.

Sam Merrick, the eccentric old colored butcher who died a few weeks ago, leaving nearly $5,000 in silver coins and deeds to six houses and lots, and an interest in whose estate is sought by more than 100 negroes in four or five States, claiming to be relatives, has a brother still living, according to information received yesterday by Major W. N. Harriss, Clerk of Superior Court, from Lindsay Warren, Esq., of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Warren called Major Harris up over long distance telephone yesterday and informed him that Merrick's brother is living in Washington, N. C., at this time, and that he will have affidavits forwarded here today to prove that the man is really Merrick's brother. The relationship can be established beyond the shadow of a doubt, he says.

If this proves to be the case, Merrick's estate will probably go to a sister now living, the children of a deceased sister and to the brother. The latter, in all likelihood, will be appointed administrator of the estate, which is now in custody of Major Harriss, pending its legal disposition. Major Harriss stated yesterday that when court convenes next week, he will ask Judge Whedbee to appoint an administrator at once, or it will be necessary for him to secure clerical assistance to take care of the letters and communications from negroes claiming to be Merrick's heirs. Already more than 100 such letters have been received, and the number increases with every mail.

Furthermore, some of the claimants have employed lawyers to look after their interests, and an attorney from Petersburg, Va., was in the city yesterday to investigate the matter for a client living at that place.

Mr. Warren told Major Harriss the name of the brother living in Washington, but Major Harriss could not understand it over the long distance phone. However, it is recalled by some of the older residents here that Merricks had one or more brothers who left Wilmington many years ago.

In addition to the many letters that Clerk of Superior Court Harriss has received from "relatives" of Merrick, Postmaster H. McL. Green, of the Wilmington postoffice, is also being deluged with letters from all parts of the South.

Following is a letter received by Postmaster Green yesterday from Mt. Andrew, Ala.:

"Kind Sir:

"I want you to please inquire in the city there and see if you can find out whether Sam Merrick, a colored man, is still living there yet. My mother is dead. She left several little children and I am afflicted and can't do any work. Therefore, I wanted to ask him to help me. My mother told me he was able to help when she died, if I could find out where he was. Last we heard of my uncle he stayed at Wilmington, N. C. I go in the name of Mrs. Laura Grice."

That many of these "heirs" are sincere in their claims is indicated by a dispatch from Spartanburg, S. C., which appeared in yesterday's Charlotte Observer, stating that Sallie Simpson, war-time darkey, living on the farm of Miss Corrie Zimmerman, below Glenn Spring, in that county, was in Spartanburg Tuesday en route to Wilmington, for the purpose of establishing the fact that she is the niece and the nearest living relative of Merrick. Sallie says that Sam Merrick was the name of her uncle who was sold before the war from Laurens county to a gentleman in North Carolina, near Wilmington. She says that she thinks that Merrick never married but this is a mistake on her part as he did. The Simpson woman is said to be a respected negro woman and has been a resident on the Zimmerman farm for 38 years.

It is very probable that there must have been scores of Merricks throughout the South. The story of Merrick's death was carried by the Associated Press and published in all the leading dailies of the entire South as well as in the many papers throughout the country. This accounts for the many letters being received here.

COMMISSION FORM TOO

Senator Cooper Thinks People Should Vote on Both.

Senator W. B. Cooper is quoted as stating to a friend in the city yesterday over long distauce telephone from Raleigh that he is in favor of the idea of submitting along with the bill providing for the city manager plan of government a bill also providing for the commission form of government, and of letting the people pass on which form they desire. Mr. Cooper, it was stated, did not insist on this, but thought that as long as the people were going to vote on a new form of city government, they should be given the opportunity of choosing between the two forms that have been suggested. If both plans were voted down, then the present form would continue to prevail.

The Senator is also said to have intimated that if the new Charter is not to be voted on until the regular municipal election in May, it might be well to provide that whatever form is adopted, shall not go into effect until two years hence.

The bill providing for a complete new Charter, embodying the City Manager plan, is now being drafted under the direction of the city attorney.

PROBABLE CAUSE FOUND

Bob McFarland Held for Superior Court for Larceny of Poles.

Probable cause was found yesterday by Justice Harriss in a case against Bob McFarland, colored, in which he is charged with a shortage in his accounts with the Southern Exchange, of Maxton, of 50,000 shingles and 500 telephone poles. He was formerly in charge of the Wilmington yard of this firm and was arrested early in January by Deputy Sheriff Henry Kermon upon a warrant sworn out by Mr. H. Mack Godwin. The negro went to jail in default of bond to await the next term of Superior Court.

Mr. Mack Godwin stated at the time the arrest was made that he was employed by the Southern Exchange to find out if any of the material sent to Wilmington was disposed of without the proper returns being made. He said that he purchased a number of poles from the negro and that no report was ever made of the transaction. McFarland denies that he has done anything wrong.

—Suit was started in Superior Court yesterday by the Bernard Manufacturing Company against J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company. Bryan & Burgwin represent the plaintiff.

ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED

Meeting of Truckers at Court House Last Night—Institute for Farmers at Wrightsboro.

The organization of the New Hanover truckers into a compact body having for its object co-operative methods in marketing was practically completed at a meeting held in the Court House last night which was presided over by Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator. In the absence of Mr. W. D. Rhodes, who was elected temporary secretary at the last meeting, Mr. W. C. Montgomery acted as secretary.

The report of the committee on by-laws composed of Messrs. H. A. Rau, chairman, C. F. Seitter, Sr., J. R. Morris, Walter Horne, C. Craushaar, J. A. Orrell and Dr. S. E. Koonce, was received and accepted with the thanks of the organization. There were a few minor changes made.

There will be a meeting of the board of directors in the office of Dr. S. E. Koonce next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing a permanent president and secretary and also to select a general manager.

Institute for Farmers.

More than 50 people including farmers, their wives and children attended the institute held at Wrightsboro yesterday morning. Following a number of interesting talks by experts from the State Agricultural Department there was a bountiful dinner served and this proved to be an enjoyable feature indeed. The institute party left on the afternoon train for Southport, where they will conduct an institute today.

Mr. J. P. Kerr, of Alamance county, made a most instructive talk on livestock. He is largely interested in the poultry business and incidentally gave some valuable suggestions for raising chickens. Mr. W. N. Hutt, State horticulturist, talked about grapes and having given the subject thorough study his address was a very practicable one. Mr. R. W. Freeman, of Wilson, district agent for the farm demonstration work, attended the institute and made an address on soil improvement.

Mrs. W. N. Hutt, of Raleigh, editor of the women's department of the Progressive Farmer, made a most practical talk to the women on the subject of caring for babies. Miss Jane Ward, who has given the subject careful study, talked about breadmaking.

Mrs. George Darden was awarded the first prize for bread and Mrs. E. I. Herring was awarded the second prize. Miss Christina Seitter was awarded the prize for the best corn bread., Miss Ward judged the bread.

The occasion was one of great profit to those who attended and many instructive suggestions were received.

CAPTAIN A. F. COX DIED YESTERDAY AT NOON.

Aged Clerk at City Market Succumbed to Pneumonia Attack—Funeral.

Captain A. F. Cox, for many years clerk at the city market house on Front street, a Confederate veteran and widely known throughout the city, died yesterday at noon at his home, No. 509 Wooster street, following a short illness of pneumonia.

Captain Cox was 67 years of age and a native of Jones county, though he had made his home in Wilmington for many years. He is survived by his wife and three children, a son, Mr. J. F. Cox, and two daughters, Miss Stella Cox and Mrs. Julia Koonce, all of Wilmington; also by five sisters, Mrs. Sue Russell, of Fort Barnwell, N. C.; Mrs. Martha French, of near Newbern; Miss Sallie Cox, of Richlands; Mrs. Mamie Rhodes, of Comfort, N. C., and Mrs. John Thomas, of Wilmington. All the bereaved ones will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

The deceased fought bravely for the South during the War Between the States, and after the war was over he returned to his home land and did all in his power as a citizen and a man to aid in building up the shattered fortunes of his country. He was upright and honorable, a Christian gentleman, and was held in the highest respect and esteem by all who knew him. He was a deacon in the Southside Baptist church, and at all times took an active interest in the church work.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, No. 509 Wooster street, and will be attended by the members of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, of which he was a member, who will assemble at the W. L. I. armory this afternoon at 3:30 and march in a body to the home. Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church, will conduct the services, and interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MR. GERKIN

Services Will Be From Residence of Mother This Afternoon.

The body of Mr. S. Ed. Gerkin, who was killed in an automobile accident near St. Augustine, Fla., on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by his wife, Mr. Charles J. Gerkin, of Tampa, Fla., and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Lorimer, of Jacksonville, is expected to arrive in Wilmington today at noon and will be taken immediately to the home of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Gerkin, No. 409 North Ninth street. The funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased had lived in Jacksonville, Fla., for many years and was very popular. Besides being a talented journalist, he had gained quite a reputation on both the amateur and professional stage. He worked on a number of papers in of the Southeast, his last work in Jacksonville being on the Florida Times-Union, which he left in 1913 to accept a position as deputy sheriff at Pablo Beach, near that city.

Ralph Roberts, the young man who was also killed in the automobile wreck, was a native of Ohio, but had lived in Pablo for the past two years, making his hime with the Gerkin family.

—Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Former members of the House accorded the privileges of the floor yesterday were Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford; A. S. Patterson, of Swain, and Woodus Kellum, of Wilmington."

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After a life of faithful service in which he proved himself to be a most useful citizen in his sphere, Mr. Robert Bruce Lucas passed away yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at his home, No. 819 South Sixth street. He was 59 years old and is survived by his wife and five children, all of whom will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

For the past eight years he had been connected with the street department of the city of Wilmington and was a sweeper on Third street. Mr. Jno. C. McAllister, superintendent of streets, stated yesterday that he was one of the most faithful workmen in the department.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence by Rev. Anthony R. Parshley, assistant rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Mary Stickles to J. Q. Herring and wife, for $10 and other considerations, lot on east line of Sixth, 33 feet north of Kidder street, 33 by 77 feet in size; A. J. Leonard and wife, of Brunswick county, to J. W. Brooks, for $100, lot No. 288, Lake Side Park.

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Lv. Wilmington	3:45P.M.	5:25A.M.
Lv. Florence	7:55P.M.	9:40A.M.
Ar. Jacksonville	7:15A.M.	7:20P.M.
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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Kate Northrop has gone to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, to attend the mid-winter dances.

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All the lady members of the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church are requested to meet at the Parish House this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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Mrs. H. M. Loy, of Jacksonville, N. C., and Miss Eliza Morton, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting friends in the city. They are guests at the Orton.

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Mrs. W. J. Lacy and little daughter, Miss Catherine, have returned from a pleasant visit to Mrs. H. C. Lacy, of Raleigh.

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Mr. F. B. Ausley and family, formerly of Wilmington, have moved to Siler City, where they will reside in the future.

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Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. F. W. Davis has been confined to her home at No. 215 South Eighth street on account of a painful fracture of her left arm.

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Mrs. Edwin M. Wilson and son, Master Hugh McLean, of Haverford, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Postmaster and Mrs. H. McL. Green, No. 406 South Third street.

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Rev. R. H. Herring returned to Lumberton yesterday after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ellis and Mrs. Annie Batson.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. W. J. Lacy and little daughter, Miss Catherine, of Wilmington, who have been visiting Mrs. H. C. Lacy, returned home yesterday."

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Ex-Mayor Joseph D. Smith, Mrs. Smith and daughter, who have been spending several months at their country place out from Jonesboro, N. C., have returned to the city. They are stopping for the present at the Colonial Inn.

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The meeting of Epworth League of Grace Methodist church tonight will be under the auspices of the Love and Service department, of which Mrs. J. D. Robbins is superintendent. Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the church, will make an address. All members are urged to be present and friends are cordially invited.

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Washington, N. C., Jan. 28.—The Right Reverend Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will visit here on Sunday, February 21st. He will visit a number of churches in the northern part of the diocese early in February. While in Washington Bishop Darst will conduct both morning and evening service in St. Peter's church. On Monday he will have service in St. Paul's colored church. The entire city is looking forward with pleasure to the Bishop's first visit to this section.

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ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN IN HONOR OF MRS. FOSS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kelloway delightfully entertained in honor of their house guest, Mrs. T. H. Foss, of Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday evening. Following several pleasant games in which handsome prizes were given, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Among those present were Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hopkins, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Partin, Mrs. Byerly, Miss T. Bostwick, Mrs. James Howard, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. T. H. Foss, Rev. M. O. Alexander and Rev. W. M. Craig.

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MISS HERRING ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF EUPHIANS.

Miss Rosa Herring gave a delightful entertainment at the Imperial Hotel last night in honor of the members of the Euphian Sunday school class of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The decorations were pretty and attractive. Refreshments were served.

Those present included Misses Carrie Newkirk, Isabel and Lizzie McDougal, Emma Hazel King, Marguerite Gaynor, Beulah Brock, Katherine VonGlahn, Maggie Fennell, Rebecca Jones, Miss Tripp, Mrs. Linder, Mrs. Charles McCarey and Messrs. P. C. White, Lester Page, James Hedrick, C. Corkran, F. G. White, B. O'Neil, R. Rogers, George Langlin, J. H. LaLande and Leon White. The chaperones were Mrs. W. A. Jones, E. W. Jones and Miss Anna Herring.

ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. W. C. A.

Address by Col. Walker Taylor—Miss Ada Starkweather Spoke—Reports of the Officers.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington Young Woman's Christian Association was held last night in the High School auditorium and was attended by several hundred people. An inspiring address was made by Col. Walker Taylor following the business meeting at which the officers of the organization read their annual reports and members of the Board of Directors were elected. Miss Ada Starkweather, of Charlotte, field secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for the South Atlantic states, was present and was heard with great interest in an earnest plea for a larger service.

An enjoyable feature of the evening was the musical programme which included a violin solo by Miss Pauline Crumb and a vocal solo by Mrs. W. G. Robertson. The exercises were closed with a playlette by a number of the association members entitled "Any Girl" which illustrated in miniature the different features of the work of the Y. W. C. A.

The following ladies were elected as members of the board of directors to succeed those whose terms have expired: Miss Annie Kidder, Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Miss Lillie May Brock, Mrs. Robert Ruark, Mrs. C. C. Covington, Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, Miss Carrie Myers, Mrs. B. C. Moore, Miss Lillian Woolard and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt.

The reports of the officers and the chairman of the different committees showed that great progress has been made during the eight months that the association has been organized. There is a balance of over $4,000 in the treasury, but it was pointed out that this should not be taken too optimistically as no payment has yet been made on the building, which represents an outlay of more than $10,000. However, it is felt that the efforts of those who have labored so earnestly and energetically have been abundantly rewarded.

The association now has more than 1,300 members. The work of the educational department has been particularly successful. While on account of the general financial depression it has not been possible to establish a gymnasium it is hoped that this feature can be added within the near future.

Mrs. J. R. Kenly, president of the association, read her annual report, which was a resume of the work done and which also showed how its usefulness can be increased. Miss Anna Troutt, the general secretary, also read her report which dealt particularly with the ways in which the association is endeavoring to help the young women of the city.

Other reports were those of Miss Carrie Myers, second vice president, in charge of the business department; Mrs. M. L. Stover, third vice president, in charge of the educational department, and Mrs. Walter Sprunt, in charge of the extension work.

Reports were also read by Mrs. J. B. Rice, chairman of the membership committee; Mrs. S. M. Boatwright, treasurer; Mrs. J. V. Grainger, chairman of the finance committee; Miss Margaret Gibson, chairman of the educational class work; Miss Sue Hall, chairman of the physical committee; Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, chairman of the social committee. Mrs. H. L. Vollers, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Byerly, first vice president, in charge of the religious work, recently resigned and her successor will be elected at the next meeting of the board of directors when the other officers for the ensuing year will also be elected.

One of the new features that the association expects to inaugurate the coming summer is the opening of a cottage at Wrightsville Beach to be used by the members of the association.

Col. Taylor in his brief address paid a notable tribute to the splendid work that the women of Wilmington are doing for the Y. W. C. A. He declared that he was glad indeed to give it his support and felt that it was a blessed privilege to be able to lend a helping hand. He showed how important it is to realize that the only life worth living is that of service.

Miss Starkweather, who worked so faithfully in getting the association, made an inspiring talk on the work that the association is doing in the Southern States. Vividly, earnestly, sincerely and clearly she gave numerous instances of how the association is proving a wonderful means of elevating women. Her heart is in the work and those who heard her last night got a fresh vision of the blessed opportunity of being able to serve mankind.

INVITE SECRETARY REDFIELD

Head of Department of Commerce is Asked to Address Wilmington Citizens on Merchant Marine.

Secretary William C. Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., was extended an invitation by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce yesterday to make an address in this city on the subject of merchant marine while on his forthcoming trip to the South. Secretary Redfield has been extended an invitation to make a number of addresses while he is in the South, one of the principal cities being Savannah, Ga.

The invitation was sent by wire to Secretary Redfield at Washington yesterday and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels was also sent a telegram at the same time requesting that he do all he can to have Secretary Redfield accept the invitation.

Following is a copy of the telegram which was sent to Mr. Redfield by President M. J. Corbett, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce:

"As one of the leading South Atlantic ports, interested to no small extent in the ship purchase bill and the development of the merchant marine, we extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit Wilmington and address us on this subject on your forthcoming trip to the South."

It is not known just when Secretary Redfield will make his trip through the South, but is expected that it will be some time in February.

A committee was appointed at the last meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber to secure a number of speakers for the local commercial organization. This committee is composed of Messrs. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., C. VanLeuven and John VanB. Metts. This committee requested President Corbett to extend an invitation to Secretary Redfield.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. L. Jones, of Fayetteville, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. T. O. Evans, of Maxton, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. R. W. Freeman, of Wilson, district farm demonstration agent, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. John F. McNair, of Laurinburg, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. W. R. Bonsal, of Hamlet, president of the C. A. & W. Railway, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Colonel Walker Taylor and Mr. Martin S. Willard, two of the leading insurance men of the State, returned to the city yesterday morning from Raleigh, where they attended the hearing of the joint committee of the General Assembly investigating the question of insurance rates. Both made talks before the committee.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Flora E. Currie will be held at the residence, No. 1709 Princess street, Saturday at 11 a. m.—Advertisement

THEATRICAL

Yes, it is simply another mammoth triumph for the popular Bijou today, for there's another one of those rousing all-star bills that leave nothing to be desired for the amusement of the thousands who will throng the popular photoplay house both afternoon and night.

The bill is headed by that notable Eclair feature two-reel drama, "Reunited," a stirring drama of reincarnation. There are few of us who do not believe in a spiritual life after death. Theosophists, the learned yogees and disciples of Buddha and many native-born Americans subscribe to the doctrine of reincarnation. It is a pleasing thought, that of reincarnation. It alleviates the pangs of the partings caused by death and it assures true lovers that neither time nor the Grim Reaper can separate them for long. Many are the arguments brought forward in support of the theory. This great philosophical drama features the popular Irma Earle with Fred Sumner, in the two leading roles.

A rousing Mutual drama, "Beppo," being the touching tale of an Italian emigrant, and featuring those big Mutual stars, Ed Coxen and Winnifred Greenwood, comes next.

Then there's a mammoth L-Ko comedy feature, "Thou Shalt Not Flirt," that will make you laugh all day tomorrow, every time you think of it, and the bill winds up with a big Keystone hit, "A Halted Career."

"Zudora" at the New Grand Today.

Again "Zudora" day at the popular, handsome New Grand and this means that Wilmington amusement-lovers will turn out en masse today and pack their favorite theatre. Today the fourth episode of this famous Harold McGrath film will be screened. This episode is "The Mystery of the Haunted Hills" and it is the most mystifying yet of this noted story that has gripped the minds of the folks of Wilmington. It is not only deep mystery, but it is weird and thrilling, and followers of the adventures of "Zudora" just can't afford to miss this film today. But this will not be the only great feature at this splendid theatre today. There will be a big bunch of others, so every amusement lover can whet up his or her appetite to a keen edge. One of the other big features will be Selig's masterpiece, "Cancelling Love's Obligation," and it is a dramatic with a punch, telling the story of a young, but dissipated man who is left a fortune, but the fortune is placed in the hands of a guardian. In the stellar roles appear such well known folks as Edith Johnson and Barney Furey.

Another one of today's swell features is Edison's great spectacular film triumph, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas", in which the celebrated actor, Harry Eytinge, will appear as "Santa Claus". It is something away out of the ordinary and is a film that every child should behold.

HERE FOR COTTON CARGO.

British Steamer Adernian Arrived in Port Yesterday Morning.

The British steamer Adernian, 2,482 tons, Captain Thomas, master, arrived in port yesterday morning from Edinburgh, Scotland, and is tied up at the Champion Compress to take on a cargo of cotton for European delivery.

The Adernian will take over a cargo of about 12,000 bales of cotton, which will be the largest export cargo from Wilmington this season. She will be four or five days taking on the cargo. Her destination has not as yet been definitely decided upon, it is said, but will possibly be either Liverpool or Havre. Her cargo will bring the total cotton exports for the season from Wilmington up to about 65,000 bales.

REPUBLICAN TRENCHES ARE BOMBARDED BY DEMOCRATS IN SENATE

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law upon the point obtained.

"Such undoubtedly would be the general course should the Dacia be captured."

Senator Walsh cited the sale of some 600 American register ships to neutral citizens during the Civil War.

"We lost our merchant marine because when we were at war other nations at peace with us could buy them. It is now asserted that by some brilliant feat of diplomacy we are deprived of the right to buy their ships when they are at war."

The Senator quoted at length from the records of British courts and admiralty instructions to British naval officers to show that Great Britain always has held that a bona fide transfer of an enemy ship to a neutral flag in war time was recognized. He quoted an English ruling which said:

Quotes English Ruling.

"There have been cases of merchant vessels driven into ports out of which they could not escape and there sold, in which, after much discussion and some hesitation of opinion the validity of the purchase has been sustained."

France alone of the great commercial nations, Senator Walsh said, had held differently, but the attitude of France has been vigorously assailed by the other powers.

Senator Walsh read an opinion by Attorney General Cushing, of the United States in 1854 maintaining the right of a neutral to purchase a merchant vessel during war from a citizen of either of the belligerents and quoted former Secretaries of State and Supreme Court decisions in the case of the Benito Estanger during the Spanish-American war, to show that that declaration had been the American doctrine for over 100 years.

"It is idle to assert," the speaker continued, "that the Declaration of London so contemptuously treated by the Allies, can be appealed to by them in justification of any course they may take in the present war or even that it can justly have any persuasive force in the ultimate determination of our right to purchase the entered ships."

After Senator Walsh concluded, Senator Sherman continued the Republican attack on the bill. He suggested that the government go in the milling business and start a sheep ranch to relieve the situation resulting from high flour and wool prices.

"Food and clothing are infinitely more important to the people than transportation over the sea," he insisted.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PURPOSELY HOODWINKED

When Woman Was Appointed Notary Public Last Year

This is the Belief of Secretary Kerr Who Issued the Commission in Good Faith, Thinking She Was a Man.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—At the office of Governor Craig it is admitted that the Governor commissioned a woman as notary public last March, as reported in a press dispatch from Newbern to the Charlotte Observer, but it is asserted that the appointment was made without any knowledge that it was a woman that was being appointed.

The application came to Private Secretary J. P. Kerr, was on the letter head of J. C. Muse & Co., merchants, of Cash Corner, Pamlico county, and was signed by "C. E. Muse." It stated the enclosure of the fee, and required endorsements and an expression of thanks to "let me have the commission at your earliest possible convenience."

The endorsement was signed by D. C. McLolter and W. H. Hilton, was on the J. C. Muse & Co., letter paper and made formal statement, "hereby certify that C. E. Muse is a suitable person to be appointed notary public."

There is also on file in the Governor's office the certification from the clerk of Pamlico county superior court that "C. E. Muse appeared before me and qualified as notary public on the 27th of April, 1914."

Colonel Kerr, private secretary, who has in hand the appointment of the notaries public in the executive office, does not hesitate to say that in his opinion the executive office was purposely and designedly hoodwinked in this appointment in order to get the commission through for a woman. The commission would not have been issued had it been known that it was a woman who was applying, as the law did not permit of the appointment of a woman, a bill to legalize women notaries being now in process of enactment.

Governor Craig says that as soon as the women notary public bill is ratified he will commission Mrs. Nolan Knight as notary public as the woman whose first official act under the commission will be made the foundation for the test case to be carried through the Supreme court to test the constitutionality of the act authorizing the appointment of women as notaries.

CAPITAL CONFERS LONG WITH LABOR

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the time when people are thinking about it."

MADE THINGS AGREEABLE.

Municipal Research Bureau Changed Methods—Got Big Donation.

New York, January 28.—Robert Fulton Cutting, president of the Bureau of Municipal Research, testified before the Industrial Relations Committee today that tthe policies of the bureau were changed considerably after John D. Rockefeller made certain suggestions and offered to donate $20,000 toward defraying expenses of the bureau for a year.

Mr. Rockefeller thought it was unwise for the bureau, the prime object of which, the witness said, was the systematizing of municipal government, to engage in a publicity campaign by distributing postal cards and pamphlets. Also, he thought it inadvisable that the bureau should do work outside the State of New York, or that it should interest itself in technical pedagogical work in the New York public schools. At the time he expressed these opinions employees of the bureau were aiding in an investigation being conducted by another bureau of the Children's Court of Denver, Colo., and Judge Ben B. Lindsay, who presided over it.

Mr. Rockefeller at first offered the money on condition that this suggestion be complied with. The trustees of the bureau decided they would accept no conditional donations. Some time later the practice of handing postal cards and pamphlets was discontinued, and the work outside the state curtailed.

IF KIDNEYS AND BLADDER BOTHER

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Out Your Kidneys and Neutralize Irritating Acids.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in avoiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast; continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normally again.

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ELABORATE BANQUET TONIGHT

"Y Apartment Club" of Y. M. C. A. to Entertain Friends.

An elaborate banquet will be given at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8:30 o'clock by the "Y Apartment Club," an organization composed of the young men rooming in the association building, in honor of their lady friends and other gentleman friends, who have been invited. The affair promises to be a most enjoyable one.

A special musical programme including both instrumental and vocal music has been prepared for the occasion. some of the best musical talent in the city will render selections. There will be several short addresses.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The repair shop of Price Bros. will be located after February 1 in the O'Brien building, No. 309 North Front street. The change has been made necessary because of need for larger quarters.

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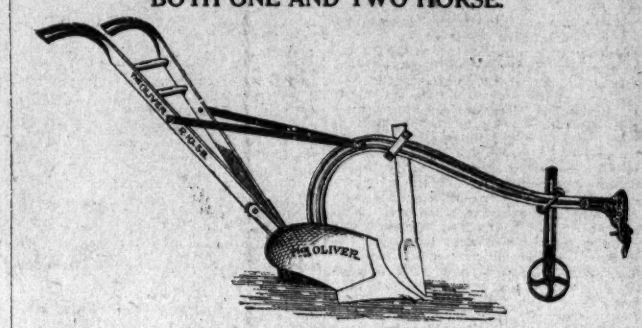

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICER RULED HIGHER

Report of Increasing Activity of Domestic Mills Steadied Market —Close Several Points Up.

New York, Jan. 28.—Reports of increasing activity on the part of domestic mills were accompanied by some trade buying in the cotton market here today and prices ruled generally higher with the close fir mat a net advance of 11 to 12 points.

Liverpool cables were a shade better than due on covering and the local market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 4 points. There appeared to be overnight selling orders around the ring and local pressure was encouraged by reports that German and Russian buyers had completed their purchases here and were about to leave the country.

After selling some 2 to 4 points net lower, the market steadied on the appearance of buying orders in the hands of some of the larger spot house brokers in the hands of some ofshrdluunu ers and there was covering by early sellers on the afternoon advance which was encouraged by a firmed turn in New Orleans, the somewhat more bullish showing of the day's statistics and reports that New England mills would resume operations at full capacity owing to the improved demand for goods.

Closing prices were within a point or two of the best. New Orleans advices which claimed that there was 38 steamers scheduled to load cotton at Savannah during the next 30 days and the steadfer ruling of the stock market may have been factors on the afternoon advance.

Cotton futures closed firm.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Mar	8:40	8:51	8:36	8:52
May	8:74	8:80	8:66	8:80
July	8:93	9:02	8:88	9:01
Oct	9:16	9:25	9:08	9:23
Dec	9:26	9:38	9:22	9:36

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 8¾; receipts, 9,594; exports, 16,000; sales, 1,695; stock, 397,004.

Galveston—Middling, 8 5-16; receipts, 19,664; exports, 23,521; sales, 244; stock, 615,368.

Mobile—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 638; exports, 8,966; sales, 175; stock, 53,324.

Savannah—Middling, 8; receipts, 11,-225; exports, 11,311; sales, 3,094; stock, 347,893.

Charleston — Middling, 7¾; receipts, 3,070; exports, 4,600; stock, 154,830.

Wilmington—Middling, 7⅞; receipts, 1,655; stock, 51,420.

Norfolk—Middling, 8; receipts, 2,953; sales, 492; stock, 71,606.

Baltimore—Middling, 8¾; stock, 2,921.

Boston—Middling, 8¾; receipts, 9,79; exports, 3,437; stock, 9,200.

Philadelphia—Middling, 8.85; stock, 2,581.

New York—Middling, 8.50; exports, 2,198; stock, 106,093.

Minor Ports—Stock, 184,299.

Total today—Receipts, 49,778; exports, 70,033; stock, 1,997,039.

Total for week—Receipts, 357,295; exports, 258,565.

Total for season—Receipts, 6,352,293; exports, 3,617,309.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 8¾; receipts, 17,-724; shipments, 17,286; sales, 6,356; stock, 218,506.

Memphis—Middling, 8; receipts, 1,-658; shipments, 4,639; sales, 1,300; stock, 246,818.

Augusta—Middling, 8¼; receipts, 2,-427; shipments, 2,209; sales, 1,381; stock, 150,905.

St. Louis—Middling, 8; receipts, 3,-613; shipments, 3,493; stock, 39,490.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 3,172; shipments, 3,990; stock, 9,447.

Little Rock—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 1,062; shipments, 2,515; stock, 64,435.

Dallas—Middling, 7¾; sales, 4,270.

Total today — Receipts, 29,656; shipments, 34,025; stock, 729,601.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Quiet But Steady—Closed Several Points Above Previous Day.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—Cotton was quiet but steady today, showing ready response to buying. In the early trading scalpers were heavy short sellers and the market receded 2 to 3 points in the face of good cables. Buying slowly increased and the market gradually worked higher. Many important orders were placed and their effect finally was enough to disconcert the early sellers and cause them to buy back their cotton at higher levels. Late in the day the market became active and rapidly firmed up on buying for both accounts, closing practically at the best at a net gain of 13 to 14 points.

One of the reasons for the strong undertone was the report from Texas that spots were well cleaned up. Buyers from the interior were said to be working in the New Orleans spot market.

Exports were again large, 70,033 bales, as against receipts at all ports of 49,778 bales. Exports thus far this week amount to 258,565 bales.

Spot cotton steady; sales on the spot 1,210 bales; to arrive 485. Cotton futures closing: March 8.23; May 8.46; July 8.67; October 8.95; December 9.10.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, January 28. — otton seed oil advancedC about 10 points today on a renewal of Western buying, inspired by advancing crude markets and the big advance in lard. On the advance there was good profit-taking which caused a partial reaction, but offerings were well absorbed for new long account and final prices were 5 to 8 points net higher. Sales, 24,400 bales.

The market closed easier. Spot, 700 @710; February, 700@704; March, 706@708; April, 716@720; May, 725@726; June, 730@740; July, 745@747; August, 755@758.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, January 28.—Hogs—Strong. Bulk, 6.50@6.65; light, 6.30@6.65; mixed, 6.30@6.70; heavy, 6.10@6.70; heavy, 6.10@6.70; rough, 6.10@6.20; pigs, 5.00@6.50.

Cattle—Strong. Native steers, 5.40@9.00; western, 4.90@7.35; cows and heifers, 3.00@7.75; calves, 7.00@10.50.

Sheep — Firm. Sheep, 6.00@6.75; yearlings, 7.00@7.85; lambs, 7.25@8.80.

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DOLLAR AND A HALF WHEAT

What a Few Months Ago Seemed Fabulous Price is Passed by Chicago Quotations Yesterday.

Chicago, January 28. — War advances today outdid anything hitherto in grain prices. May wheat took the lead and crossed above $1.50, a mark which not long ago seemed fabulous. Active buying carried other cereals as well as wheat to new high levels.

Wheat closed unsettled at ⅝@¾ to 1⅜c.@1½c. above last night. Corn finished ⅝@½ to ⅝@¾ up, oats a shade off to a like advance, and provisions at a rise of 15 to 30 cents.

Grain and provisions:

Wheat—May, 1.49⅞; July, 1.34¼.

Corn—May, 81⅝; July, 83.

Oats—May, 59½; July, 58¼.

Pork—May, 19.35; July, 19.65.

Lard—May, 11.30; July, 11.47.

Ribs—May, 10.55; July, 10.75.

Cash grain:

Wheat — No. 2, red, 1.49¼@1.50½; No. 2, hard, 1.49¼@1.50½.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 8.50; sales, 4,300.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Edernian (Br.), 2,284 tons, Thomas, New York, ———.

Str. Seminole, Packer, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,359 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,372 tons, Hinke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Str. Edernian (Br.), 2,284 tons, Thomas, ———.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady, at 42c.

ROSIN—Steady. Large, $2.90; small, $2.80.

TAR—Firm, $1.50 per barrel; 7c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; $2.90 per barrel for soft; $2.90 per barrel for virgin; $1.90 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 46; rosin, firm, $3.90; tar, firm, $2.50-10; crude turpentine, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine 1

Rosin . . . . . (—)

Tar 117

Crude Turpentine . . . . . (—)

Receipts same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 6 casks; rosin, 39 barrels; tar, 108 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, middling, quiet, at 7⅜c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,541 bales; same day last year, 832 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, to date, 116,715 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 335,329 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Jan. 28.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,430 bales cotton; 77 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—15 bales cotton; 40 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—1 cask spirits turpentine.

Thelma—19 bales cotton.

Str. Oast—77 bales cotton.

Total—1,541 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 117 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Jan. 28.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

PEAS—Black eyed peas, $2.50 per bu.; cow peas, market not open.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 75@80c. per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good sales.

PORK—Small, 8@10c per lb.

SHEEP—Out of season.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 22c.; sides and shoulders, 15c. lb.; very dull; no sales.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 15@16 2-3 cents per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—26@27c per doz., very dull; price expected to go lower.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., January 26. — Spanish: Farmers' stock, market firm, 85c. per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market firm. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. per lb.; Fancy hand-picked, 3¾c. per lb.; Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Shelling stock, 3c. per lb.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Jan. 23.—North Carolina Peanuts — Market, firm; new crop, fancy hand picked, 70c; No. 1, machine picked, 60c per bu.

Virginia Peanuts—Steady, New crop Jumbos, 60c; fancy hand picked, 55c; No. 1, machine picked, 50c per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, January 28. — Cotton: Spot irregular. Good middling, 5.25; middling, 4.95; low middling, 4.50; sales, 7,000; speculation and export, 1,000; receipts, 14,093.

Futures, steady. May and June, 4.81½; July and August, 4.88½; August and September, 4.92; October and November, 4.99; January and February, 5.03.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 28. — Mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange, steady; sixty day bills, 4.8350; for cables, 4.8550; for demand, 4.8510@4.8515. Bar silver, 48¾. Mexican dollars, 37¼. Government bonds, firm. Railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, easier. Sixty days, 2½@3; ninety days, 2¾@3 per cent; six months, 3¼@3½.

Call money, steady; ruling rate, 3.

STOCKS RECOVER LOSSES

But Continue to Show Disappointment of the Passing of the Dividend in U. S. Steel.

New York, Jan. 28.—Stocks continued today to reflect disappointment at the passing of the United States Steel common dividend but recovered a part of the severe declines resulting therefrom. Reduction of the minimum price on steel from 48 to 43 was effective in making that stock the most active on the list. The opening quotation was at the new minimum and there it remained for the greater part of the session. Immediately after the close of today's market an official reduction of the minimum price to 40 was reported.

Although the undertone of the market was rather uncertain leading railway shares were up a point and more from yesterday's low level while some of the specialties, notably the petroleum group, made far greater gains. Metal shares also improved with a further advance in the price of the metal. A disposition to pursue a course independent of steel and allied industrials was evidenced by the railway stocks in the later dealings. Best prices of the day were then registered.

Another high record for wheat, which passed $1.50 to the accompaniment of enormous export orders, further shading of time money rates, advance in the price of stock exchange seats and intimations of more financing for leading railroads were embraced in the day's budget of financial news. International shares were weak in London, the tone of that group being affected to a degree by the refusal of the London exchange to accept the new minimum on steel. The bank of England showed a loss in gold of about $3,800,000 with a larger decrease in total reserves.

The local bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, were $2,437,000. United States coupon 4s advanced 1-2 and Panama coupon 3s 1-4 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	54⅞
American Agricultural	50¾
American Can	28⅛
American Car and Foundry	46½
American Cotton Oil	46¾
American Smelting	61
American Snuff	151
American Sugar	109⅞
American Tel. and Tel	120⅝
American Tobacco	233
Atchison	96
Atlantic Coast Line	106½
Baltimore and Ohio	73½
Canadian Pacific	162¼
Central Leather	34
Chesapeake and Ohio	44⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91⅝
Erie	23
General Electric	143¼
Great Northern, pfd	115
Illinois Central	B.108
Interborough Met., pfd	52¾
Kansas City Southern	22¾
Lehigh Valley	135⅝
Louisville and Nashville	118¼
Liggett and Myers	B.217
Lorillard Co.	B.180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	11¼
Missouri Pacific	12¼
Mexican Petroleum	71⅛
New York Central	90⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53½
Norfolk and Western	102½
Northern Pacific	104½
Pennsylvania	107½
Reading	147⅜
Rep. Iron and Steel	19¾
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd offered.	75
Rock Island Co	⅞
Rock Island Co., pfd	1⅝
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	4
Seaboard Air Line	14½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39⅜
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	23
Southern Pacific	85
Southern Railway	17¼
Southern Railway, pfd	60⅝
Tennessee Copper	31⅝
Texas Co	132½
Texas and Pacific	B. 11
Union Pacific	119⅞
United States Steel	43
United States Steel, pfd	104¼
Utah Copper	54¾
Virginia-Caro Chem	B. 21
Western Union	63¾
Bethlehem Steel	49

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, January 28. — Turpentine, quiet, 41¾; sales, none; receipts, 199; shipments, none; stocks, 35,914.

Rosin—Dull. Sales, none; receipts, 8.35; shipments, none; stocks, 143,422. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 3.20; F, G, H, 3.25; I, 3.30; K, 3.60; M, 4.25; N, 5.30; W G, 5.70; W W, 5.80.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, January 28. — Raw sugar, firm; centrifugal, 4.14; molasses, 3.37; refined, steady.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

Cogee—Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7, 8¼; Santos, No. 4, 10c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, January 28. — Cotton goods market held steady today, but trade was more quiet. Stable overcoatings for Fall were ordered well, but fancies were bought slowly. Raw silk was easier.

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The Wireless discovery, like many other discoveries and inventions, is fast succeeding the older methods of transmitting time, etc. Therefore, we have installed recently a Wireless Time Receiving Station.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 29, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; at 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 8.41 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 17.4 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Friday; Saturday, fair.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 29, 1915.

Sun rises . . . . . 7:11 A. M.

Sun sets . . . . . 5:39 P. M.

Day's length . . . . . 10 hrs. 18 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:44	9:01	3:37	4:19
Southport	6:37	6:49	12:20	1:03
Masonboro Inl	6:26	6:38	12:00	12:43

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

January 28, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	40	30	.0
Asheville	clear	32	30	.01
Atlanta	clear	42	32	.0
Augusta	clear	54	32	.0
Birmingh	pt cldy	44	30	.0
Botson	cldy	36	30	.0
Charleston	pt cldy	56	36	.0
Charlotte	clear	44	32	.0
Chicago	clear	10	—8	.0
Galveston	cldy	48	44	.0
Jacksonv	—	—	38	.0
Memphis	clear	34	24	.0
Mobile	cldy	54	38	.0
Montgom'y	clear	52	36	.0
New Orl	cldy	52	42	.0
New York	snow	38	32	.0
Oklahoma	pt cldy	38	14	.0
Palestine	cldy	46	36	.0
Pittsburg	clear	22	22	.0
Raleigh	clear	42	32	.01
Savannah	pt cldy	58	36	.0
Shreveport	cldy	48	32	.0
St. Louis	clear	14	—4	.01
Washing'n	pt cldy	38	32	.0

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jesse Wilder, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Wilmington, N. C., on or before the 31st day of December, A. D. 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of December, A. D. 1914.

C. D. MAFFITT,
Administrator of Jesse Wilder, deceased.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gabriel James Boney, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of said testator to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before January 22nd, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this January 21st, 1915.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:31 A. M.	7:20 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:51 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a9:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:08 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	c1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 23, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 81. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80. *12:45 A.M.
No. 84. † 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 85. † 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 8:05 P.M.
No. 63. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 3:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:00 P.M.
No. 89. † 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. †10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. † Daily except Sunday. † Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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NO PRESSING NEED OF MORE REVENUES

Is the Decision of Democratic Leaders in Conference.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Plan to Abandon River and Harbor Appropriation Meets With No Responsive Chord at Conference—No Deficit Likely.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Administration leaders in conference today with President Wilson decided there was no immediate need for legislation to increase the government's revenues. They agreed that at the end of the fiscal year the government would be in a better position to estimate the effects of the European war and decide what, if anything, should be done.

Secretary McAdoo said tonight he still thought his estimate that at the end of the fiscal year next June there would be a deficit of $10,000,000 was substantially correct.

It is understood that suggestion for extension of the war revenue act for six months, and abandonment of the $34,000,000 river and harbor bill ,struck no responsive chord at todays' conference . The cabinet officers were said to have made it plain that they had cut their etsimates until they could not make further reductions without risking the efficiency of their departments.

Estimates to Congress.

The estimates sent to Congress in December aggregated $710,000,000 to which $28,000,000 was to be added for Panama canal disbursements. Some additional estimates have been sent to conference, however, and substantial additions have been made by House committees in drafting the supply bills.

Secretary McAdoo's estimate of revenues exclusive of the Postoffice Department, was $728,000,000. This included $220,000,000 from customs, $305,000,000 from ordinary internal revenue, $54,000,000 from the war tax, and $80,000,000 from the income and corporation tax.

In a statement on the White House conference which Majority Leader Underwood and Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House appropriations committee attended, Mr. McAdoo said that in June, 1915, almost the entire amount of the corporation and personal income tax will be paid, just as in 1914, and "what appears to be a loss in revenue in the meantime, will be overcome."

In support of Secretary McAdoo's statement officials pointed out that there is every reason to believe that the war tax would produce at least as much as originally was expected from it. Available figures up to December show that 600,000,000 revenue stamps have been sold throughout the country.

Expect Marked Increase.

Secretary McAdoo's estimate for customs receipts for the coming year, $220,000,000 is about $72,000,000 under the receipts for the fiscal year, 1914. Receipts from that source so far this fiscal year are about $122,000,000. Treasury officials believed that with a revival of business there may be a marker increase during the next five months.

No accurate data is yet available on which officials can estimate what may be expected this fiscal year from the income tax. Last year it produced about $60,700,000 from corporations and individuals.

Officials are determined to make an active search for tax dodgers and have discovered ways in which they hope to bring out several millions of dollars. Many large corporations have given the Treasury Department lists of these stockholders to whom dividends are paid, and this is expected to be of great value in income tax collections.

The effort the European war and financial conditions in the United States may have on return from the income tax also is being considered. How marked that effect may be officials do not pretend to know.

The net balance in the Treasury tonight was about $56,000,000. It slowly is dropping, and some officials are inclined to believe that if the ship purchase bill becomes law, the government will issue Panama Canal three per cent. bonds to provide the $10,000,000 to buy stock in the shipping corporation it creates. Mr. McAdoo said tonight he had taken up that question. The Secretary has authority to issue canal bonds to the amount of $240,569,000 if necessary.

BUSINESS BETTER THAN IT WAS IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

Norfolk Southern's Newbern Business Surprising—Fertilizers and Lumber.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Jan. 28.—As evidence of the fact that "hard times" have vanished from this section is the excellent amount of business which the Norfolk Southern Railway is doing in its freight department. Records of the company for the past two weeks show that the amount of business done at Newbern during the period mentioned surpassed that of the similar period during 1914 by many car loads.

Possibly the fertilizer people are the heaviest shippers now. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company with a plant at James City; the Craven Chemical Company, and the E. H. & J. A. Meadows Company with a plant at Graysville, just below Newbern and on the opposite side of the river, are sending out several car loads of their product each day and have orders enough to keep this up for weeks.

The lumbermen are also sending out a great quantity of freight now to all parts of the country. A well known dealer is responsible for the statement that, while the price being received for lumber has been better in time past, that they were getting a fair remuneration for it and that they were filling numerous orders and in addition to the lumber being sent out by rail, large shipments are being made by the water route.

In connection with the lumbering industry it is of interest to note that the John L. Roper Lumber Company is planning to resume operations at Fox Siding, near this city, and give employment to a large number of men. This company is also operating its local plant on full time.

HEARING ON INSURANCE BILLS IS COMPLETED

House Committee Will Decide on Its Report Today.

Judge Manning, Attorney for Special Investigating Commission, Makes Argument for Passage of Seawell Bills.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The joint insurance committee completed this afternoon the joint hearing on the Seawell bills to give the Department of Insurance control of fire insurance rates and to apply contingent fees as agents' compensation on the basis of 12 1-2 cents flat and 12 1-2 contingent on agency profits. Thereafter Chairman Page, of the House committee, announced a separate meeting of his committee Friday afternoon to vote on favorable or unfavorable reports. The Senate committee has neither of the bills before it yet.

Arguments this afternoon were opened by agents who especially opposed change in compensation to contingent basis. Gavin Dortch, of Raleigh, declared the proposed change would seriously injure the agency business. If there must be such change, he begged that it be 15 and 10 cents instead of as the bill proposed. He and others said the change to contingent basis would force individuals out of the agency business and soon put the business in the hands of trust companies and banks with poorly paid employes to get the business.

Judge Manning Speaks.

Judge J. S. Manning, who was counsel for the special insurance commission in the investigation and who really prepared the report and the bills that are pending, discussed the whole scope of the report and the bills. The proposed law giving rate supervision to the Department of Insurance is, he said, the Kansas law, which he said in that State had greatly increased the revenue of the department and lowered the rates to the insured without running any desirable companies out of the State. He went into details and answered many questions as to all the features of the bills, and discussing the agents contingent compensation bill, said the investigation showed that the companies and the great majority of the agents want the contingent basis, the majority just as the commission had it divided 12 1-2 each, while others wanted 15 and 10 per cent. He hoped the bills would pass as submitted by the commission.

IMMIGRATION BILL VETOED BY WILSON

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and so reverse the policy of all the generations of Americans that have gone before them it is their right to do so. I am their servant and have no license to stand in their way. But I do not believe that they have. I respectfully submit that no one can quote their mandate to that effect. Has any political party ever avowed a policy of restriction in this fundamental matter, gone to the country on it, and been commissioned to control its legislation? Does this bill rest upon the conscious and universal assent and desire of the American people? I doubt it. It is because I doubt it, that I make bold to dissent from it. I am willing to abide by the verdict, but not until it has been rendered. Let the platforms of parties speak out upon this policy and the people pronounce their wish. The matter is too fundamental to be settled otherwise.

"I have no pride of opinion on this question. I am not foolish enough to profess to know the wishes and ideals of America better than the body of her chosen representatives know them. I only want instruction direct from those whose fortunes with ours, and all men's are involved."

Other business in the House was suspended while the President's veto message was read. It evoked applause on the Democratic side and from some Republicans.

MURDERED WIFE AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Son of Wealthy Oil Man of Philadelphia—Tragedy Occurred in Texas.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 28.—After stabbing his wife to death at a sanitarium here today, Ward S. Snyder, of Pittsburg, Pa., a son of N. S. Snyder, a wealthy oil man, drank poison and is not expected to live. On recovering consciousness at the hospital Snyder attempted to explain his action but was unable to talk distinctly.

According to a nurse at the sanitarium Snyder greeted his wife affectionately when he entered her room this morning. An attendant later discovered blood trickling under the door of Mrs. Snyder's room and an investigation released the tragedy. The woman's throat had been cut and her body otherwise mutilated with a pocket knife. Mrs. Snyder, it is stated, formerly was the wife of a vocal teacher at Chicago from whom she was divorced about three years ago. She had three children.

SEVERAL TRACK MEETS

Arranged to Be Pulled Off by A. & M. and Other Colleges.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Although the dates have not been definitely set, Manager L. C. Atkinson, of the track team, announces that there have been arranged meets for the spring with Trinity, V. P. I., Davidson, and possibly other colleges in North Carolina and Virginia. The University of South Carolina will probably be here for a date.

HOME MADE MEAT CLUB

One Thousand Persons Have Already Joined the Organization.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, Jan. 28.—One thousand persons have enrolled as members of the Home Made Meat Club, an organization which has as its purpose the organization and instruction of clubs for the promotion of the raising of more meat in the bounds of North Carolina.

The animal husbandry department of the Department station at West Raleight is conducting the clubs. The fact that the organization is only a year old and has at present enrolled one thousand members is evidence that the efforts of the promoters are meeting with success. Since the first of January one hundred of these members have been enrolled.

ELIMINATION OF POLL TAX URGED BY CLARK

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W. J. Bryan and Hon. Josephus Daniels.

Governor Craig will hold an informal reception in the executive offices for Mr. Bryan between 11 and 12 o'clock and has issued invitations to a number of leading citizens. Mr. Bryan addresses the General Assembly at noon Saturday.

The Conference convened this afternoon at 3 o'clock with President Clarence Poe presiding. Governor Craig, who is honorary president, welcomed the social service workers, commending most highly the purposes to which the organization stands pledged.

There were five-minute talks or reports from committee chairmen that consumed the greater part of the afternoon session. These were by Chairman McAllister, on Church and Social Service; Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Committee on Illiteracy; Rev. M. L. Kesler, Dependent Children; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Public Health; W. J. Shuford, Rural Credits; W. H. Swift, Advance in Child Labor Legislation; Miss Daisy Denson, State Control of Prison Camps; Archibald Johnson, State-wide Anti-Jug Law; G. T. Stephenson, Negro Problem and Anti-Miscegenation Law; R. F. Beasley, Problem of Tenancy; Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, Need for More Women's Clubs; C. B. McNairy, Feeble Minded and Eugenics; Mrs. T. P. Harrison, School for Erring Boys.

RAGSDALE DESCRIBES SIGNING AFFIDAVIT

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told of the alleged payment of the money later. He also testified that the night he received the money "a man rode up to my house on a motor cycle and told my sons to tell their father not to say anything to anybody unless it was a Burns man."

The only truth in the affidavit, Ragsdale said, was that he had heard two negroes discussing the Frank case.

"Thurman told me," the witness testified, "that this conversation could be fixed up to appear as a confession by Conley to another negro."

On cross-examination, Ragsdale said that on the day he made his original affidavit his "mind was in a whirl," and that he "was practically unconscious" of what he did.

PENDER TO VOTE ON THE REPEAL OF STOCK LAW.

Joint Committee Decides Upon Favorable Report of Bill.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—The joint committee on propositions and grievances has decided to report favorably the Scott bill for an election in Pender county on the repeal of the stock law. This action followed spirited hearings given delegations for and against the measure last evening and this morning. The time for holding the election is yet to be fixed.

The contention before the committee was that the Democratic representative and senator had pledged to give the people a chance to vote on the issue. There were petitions presented to the joint committee signed by more than three-fourths of all the voters in the county asking for the election.

B. F. Keith, one of the delegation, says its the man with a few nubbins in his corn crib, a gun on his shoulder and his pocket filled with shells who wants the law repealed.

In other words, he says the prosperous farmers, and all those who have obeyed the law, want it to remain as it is. The other fellows don't he says. To repeal it would be a 20-year step backward, remarked another of the delegation.

Among those who came to Raleigh to help keep the law as it is are: A. H. Pridger, C. A. Hawes, Sr., J. A. Murphy, C. A. Hawes, Jr., J. H. Highsmith, C. H. Zibelin, J. M. Marshall, J. W. Dew, W. M. Corbett, W. M. Moore, R. D. Pridgen, R. Y. Corbett, C. D. Murphy, Roy Walker, B. F. Keith, W. M. Hand, C. E. McCullen, J. T. Bland, J. D. Bland, A. E. Kerr, G. L. Riverbank, H. C. Bell.

STOCK LAW FIGHT IS ON

Delegation From Pender Goes to Raleigh—Farming Operations Held Up.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Jan. 28.—Messrs. W. M. Hand, W. A. Cannon, J. F. Johnson and several others left for Raleigh Tuesday night to appear before the committee of the House which has under consideration the bill to allow a vote on the stock law question in Pender county. Most of those who went from here went for the purpose of opposing the bill and carried a lot of petitions against it.

The Bank of Pender had its regular stockholders meeting a few days ago, at which all the old directors were re-elected. Mr. C. C. Branch, who has been cashier since the bank started, was elected president, and Mr. J. A. Bannerman was elected cashier. The reports showed the business for the year, while not up to normal, was very satisfactory, considering the business depression which has prevailed on account of the war.

A negro from the Bannerman's Bridge section came in this week looking for a doctor, as he had both legs pretty full of bird shot. He was later arraigned for stealing a five-dollar bill from the negro who shot him and was sent to jail for appearance at next term of criminal court.

There is little prospect for trucking around here, as the weather keeps too wet. No farming operations can be carried on here, as the ground stays too wet, and it continues to rain "world without end."

Vice-President Lewis, of the Cement Products Company, of Wilmington, was here Wednesday in the interest of the sanitary closet the county is putting up. He had an interview with some members of the school committee, looking to the putting in of these closets at the school building. On account of the absence of some members of the committee, nothing definite was done, though it is thought likely the committee will install them.

WON'T TELL WHO SHOT HIM

Superintendent of Sampson County Home Found With Bullet Hole in Head—Desperately Wounded.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Clinton, N. C., Jan. 28.—Oscar Boone, superintendent of the county home of Sampson county, was found early last night in the yard at the home with a bullet hole in his forehead and his own pistol on the ground near by him with one chamber empty. He has been conscious ever since, although desperately wounded and refuses to tell who shot him, although admitting that he knows.

He is an industrious young man of good character and habits and is married. There was no powder stain on his face, indicating that he did not fire the shot himself. It is rumored that he told some one that he was shot by a friend whose name he would not reveal. He was taken to Richmond, Va., today for treatment at a hospital.

While the matter is now clouded in mystery, it is believed that the truth will soon be developed and come to public knowledge. So far there is no one upon whom suspicion centers and, while the circumstances might indicate the shot was fired from suicidal motives, this is not believed.

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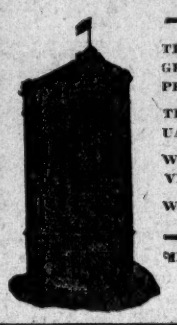

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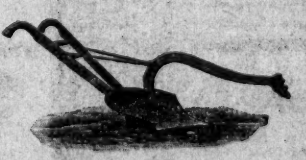

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